

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation And Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval Of Staff Recommendations

*(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)*

5. Approval Of Agenda And Additions

6. Presentations

7. Petitions And Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules)

8. Minutes Of Council Meetings

- o. * - Regular Meeting, January 27, 2014

Documents: [REGULAR MEETING 1-27-14.PDF](#)

- o. * - Work Session, January 29, 2014

Documents: [WORK SESSION 1-29-14.PDF](#)

- o. Statement For The Record – Executive Session Of February 12, 2014:

Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 8:16 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (1) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter (possible conflict of interest on a City Advisory Board).

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling	X			
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts				X
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi (by conference call) and John Shay, City Solicitors; and

Cindy Murray, City Clerk.
Other individuals in attendance: None
Council took no actions during this session.

Documents: [EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT 2-12-14.PDF](#)

9. Administrative Reports

10. *Committee Reports

- o. Greenbelt Advisory Committee On Environmental Sustainability, Report #2014-1
(Alternative Fuel Vehicles For The City)

It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it on the agenda of a future meeting. (CM)

Documents: [GREEN ACES 2014-1.PDF](#)

- o. Greenbelt Advisory Committee On Environmental Sustainability, Report #2014-2
(Greenbriar Stream Restoration Project)

It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it on the agenda of a future meeting. (CM)

Documents: [GREEN ACES 2014-2.PDF](#)

- o. Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2014-1 (Response To Referral On Child Pornography):

It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it on the agenda of a future meeting. (CM)

Documents: [PSAC 2014-1.PDF](#)

11. A Resolution Of The City Of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant To The Authority Of Article XI-E Of The Constitution Of Maryland And Section 13 ...

...of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1)

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Reference: Resolution

The City Charter does not allow any member to be excused from voting except on matters involving the consideration of his own official conduct or when his financial interest are involved. To reflect recent changes in the City's and State's Ethics Laws, the following amendments to voting procedures are necessary:

Any member shall be entitled to abstain so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

1. When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
2. When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or

business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.

3. When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

At its January 27 meeting, Council adopted Resolution #2012 to reflect these changes in voting procedures in their Standing Rules Document.

Ms. Mach introduced this resolution for first reading at the last meeting. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight. (CM)

Documents: [ITEM 11 RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

12. A Resolution Electing To Cover City Public Safety Employees And Their Dependents...
under Sections 9-683.1 through 9-683.5 of the Labor and Employment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

Reference: (Documents Posted Below) Resolution

Annotated Code of Maryland – Relevant Sections

IWIF Fact Sheet

CBA Addendum Letter, 4/22/13

In 2011, the General Assembly passed House Bill 417 which modified State law regarding the Workers Compensation death benefits paid to surviving dependents of an employee who dies due to a work related accident or occupational disease. This bill applied to all covered employees, except public safety employees and became effective on October 1, 2011.

The effect of this new law in comparison to the old law depends on the situation. Included in Council's packet is information from the City's workers compensation insurer, Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF), about this new law.

During collective bargaining agreement (CBA) negotiations, the bargaining unit expressed a desire to receive these new benefits. The CBA, which went into effect on July 1, includes an addendum letter which states that the "City will draft a Resolution adopting enhanced IWIF Death Benefits for Police Officers."

If a county or municipality wishes to include their public safety employees (police officers in Greenbelt's case), they must adopt an ordinance or resolution making this election and submit it to the State along with an online form.

Ms. Mach introduced this resolution for first reading at the last meeting. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for second reading and moved for adoption tonight. (DEM)

Documents: [ITEM 12 ANNOTATED CODE.PDF](#), [ITEM 12 CBA ADDENDUM.PDF](#), [ITEM 12 IWIF FACT SHEET.PDF](#), [ITEM 12 RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

13. Forest Preserve Advisory Board Reports #2013-03, 2013-04 And 2013-05 (Proposed Community Garden Boundaries - Gardenway Gardens, Henry's Hollow Gardens And Hamilton Place Gardens)

Reference: (Documents Posted Below) FPAB Report #2013-03

FPAB Report #2013-04

FPAB Report #2013-05

Memorandum, C. Craze, 02-14/2014

Council accepted the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) Report #2013-03 (Proposed Community Garden Boundaries – Gardenway Gardens) at its meeting on January 13, 2014, and the FPAB Reports #2013-04 and 2013-05 (Proposed Community Garden Boundaries - Henry's Hollow Gardens and Hamilton Place Gardens) at its meeting on February 10, 2014.

These reports were reviewed at the work session on February 19, 2014.

Following the discussion at the work session, it is recommended that a continuous routine maintenance zone/buffer be established around the Gardenway Gardens, Henry's Hollow and Hamilton Place Gardens. The routine maintenance zone should measure eight (8) feet in depth measured from the outer most garden fencing with the following exceptions: the routine maintenance buffer will be six (6) feet along the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) boatyard fence; and there will be no maintenance by the City within GHI property at the Gardenway Gardens. Additional issues related to the gardens and the Forest Preserve will be considered in the future.

Council requested this item be included on the agenda tonight for action. (CM)

Documents: [ITEM 13 CRAZE MEMO 2-14-14.PDF](#), [ITEM 13 FPAB 2013-03.PDF](#), [ITEM 13 FPAB 2013-04.PDF](#), [ITEM 13 FPAB 2013-05.PDF](#)

14. Referral Of Possible Conflict Of Interest Matter To Ethics Commission

Reference: Petition, Joe Murray, 01/13/2014

Joe Murray, a member of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), petitioned Council at the January 13, 2014, meeting, related to a possible conflict of interest due to his work with the non-profit Ancestral Knowledge. Because of potential conflict of interest, Mr. Murray has been voluntarily recusing himself from FPAB discussions involving the Forest Preserve.

In his petition, Mr. Murray indicates he does not believe a conflict of interest actually exists and requests that he be allowed to participate fully on all actions of the FPAB.

It is recommended this matter be referred to the Greenbelt Ethics Commission for review and ruling. (CM)

Documents: [ITEM 14 PETITION.PDF](#)

15. County Legislation - Prince George's County Science & Technology District (CR-7-2014)

Reference: (Documents posted below) CR-7-2014

Email, Council Member Olson, 2/14/14

On February 18, the County Council introduced a Resolution that would create a Science & Technology District consisting of the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park and Greenbelt areas. This legislation calls for an investment tax credit, an expedited permit review and approval process and promotion of the District by the Economic Development Corporation. County Council Members Olson, Turner and Lehman are proposing this Resolution.

Staff recommends that Council support CR-7-2014. (DEM)

Documents: [ITEM 15 CR-7-2014.PDF](#), [ITEM 15 OLSON EMAIL.PDF](#)

16. State Legislation

Reference: (Document Attached Below) SB 707/HB 718

SB 765/HB 1331

SB 786/HB 1192

Email, John Mason, 2/20/2014

SB 707/HB 718 – Community Cleanup & Greening Act

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This legislation would establish a statewide bag fee for disposable carryout bags. It would apply to any County that does not already have a bag fee. The fee would be 5 cents per bag. Stores could keep 1 cent or 2 cents if they have a bag credit program. The County would keep the rest of the fee and these revenues must be used for certain purposes including: stormwater control, litter cleanup, recycling programs, etc. Senator Pinsky is a co-sponsor of this legislation. The City supported similar legislation last year and MML supports these bills with amendment.

It is recommended Council support SB 707/HB 718 with an amendment to reflect that revenues collected within a municipality are returned to that municipality.

SB 765/HB 1331 – Highway User Revenue Funding

These bills would restore full Highway User funding to local governments. MML voted to support this legislation on February 12, 2014.

It is recommended Council support SB 765/HB 1331.

SB 786/HB 1192 – Community Renewable Energy – Pilot Program

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Greenbelt resident John Mason requested the City support this legislation.

This legislation would create a pilot program conducted by the Public Service Commission to allow for community renewable energy generating facilities. Senator Pinsky is a co-sponsor of SB 786 and the City supported similar legislation last year.

Staff recommends Council support SB 786/HB 1192. (DEM)

Documents: [ITEM 16 EMAIL, JOHN MASON.PDF](#), [SB 707.PDF](#), [SB 765-HB 1331.PDF](#), [SB 786-HB1192.PDF](#)

17. Council Reports

18. * Reappointments To Advisory Groups

Reference: Reappointment Surveys

The following individuals have indicated their willingness to continue to serve on their current advisory boards or committees. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint them to new terms. (CM)

Janet Mirsky	Advisory Committee on Education
Veronica Martin-Frederick	Advisory Committee on Education
Don Rich	Advisory Committee on Education
Sudhanshu Sinha	Advisory Committee on Education
David Whiteman	Advisory Committee on Education
Tatiana Ausema	Arts Advisory Board
John Drago	Arts Advisory Board
Mark Gransfors-Hunt	Arts Advisory Board
Anna Socrates	Arts Advisory Board
Steve Skolnik	Board of Appeals
David Whaples	Board of Appeals

Board	Jacquelyn Carrington	Community Relations Advisory
Board	Daniel Hamlin	Community Relations Advisory
Board	Janet Jacobs Parker	Community Relations Advisory
Board	Jamie Krauk	Community Relations Advisory
Board	Cecelia Zugby	Community Relations Advisory

19. MEETINGS

o. Meetings

Reference: Chart, Stakeholder/Regular Meetings

Master Calendar

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Executive Session: It is suggested that an executive session to further discuss responses received for the Economic Development Request for Proposals be scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2014. A motion to schedule this meeting is suggested.

Meeting	Day	Date	Time
Legislative Dinner (Annapolis)	Wed.	02/26	6:00 pm
Work Session – Greenbelt Station South Core TIF	Mon.	03/03	8:00 pm
Work Session – TBD (CC)	Wed.	03/05	8:00 pm
Work Session – GEAC (Greenbriar CC)	Thurs.	03/06	7:30 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	03/10	8:00 pm
Work Session – BARC (CC)	Wed.	03/12	8:00 pm
Work Session – Civic Associations (tentative)	Mon.	03/17	8:00 pm
Work Session – Transit Meeting (CC)	Wed.	03/19	8:00 pm
Regular Meeting	Mon.	03/24	8:00 pm
Budget Work Session – Revenues, Overview & General Government (CC)	Wed.	03/26	8:00 pm
Budget Work Session – TBD	Mon.	03/31	8:00 pm

Ready to be scheduled:

Roosevelt Center Owner

Park & Planning (stakeholder)

Prince George's County Economic Development

Corp.

Hotels

Franklin Park

Update on Greenbelt Station North Core

Greenbelt Theater Operations

WSSC/PEPCO (stakeholder)

Greenway/Beltway Plaza (stakeholder)

Business Coffee

Organizational Study

Prince George's County School Board

Transportation Meeting

FPAB/Ancestral Knowledge

John Abell Petition

For later scheduling:

Zoning Enforcement

Parkway Apartment Owners/GHI (parking)

Northway Fields Master Plan

City Manager Updates (Jan, Pre-budget; June, & Sept/Oct)

Camp Fire USA proposal

Rental Apartments (stakeholder)

Cemetery Plans

Meeting with County on Transportation Plan

Information Technology Dept.

Gardens/Forest Preserve Issues

Documents: [MEETINGS.PDF](#)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, January 27, 2014.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; John Shay, City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of resident Francis Nowlan and former residents Martha Elaine Hall, James E. Keifline III and Rosetta Raduazo. He then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, November 25, 2013

Work Session, January 8, 2014

Interview, January 13, 2014

Regular Meeting, January 13, 2014

Approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2014-1 (Grant Proposals – 2014):

Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the February 10, 2014 meeting.

Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2014-2 (Grant Program – 2013 Final Reports): Council accepted this report and indicated no further action was necessary.

RENEWAL OF COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSES: Council took no position on the renewal of liquor licenses by the Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board).

LETTER TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/REFERRAL TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION: Council approved sending a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education expressing concern regarding the impact of additional children from the development at Greenbelt Station into overcrowded Greenbelt Schools; requesting a review of the current school boundaries; and strongly stating that children residing in Greenbelt attend Greenbelt schools.

Council also referred this concern to the Advisory Committee on Education.

REAPPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY GROUP: Council appointed Donna Almquist to a new term on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Putens that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS: None

MINUTES:

Statement for the Record – Executive Session of January 22, 2014: Ms. Davis moved that in accordance with Section 10-509 (c) (2) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, the minutes of tonight's meeting reflect that Council met in executive session on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 8:29 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with Section 10-508 (a) (14) of the State Government Article of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss the contents on proposals received to develop an economic strategy.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	X			
Mr. Herling				X
Ms. Mach	X			
Ms. Pope	X			
Mr. Putens	X			
Mr. Roberts		X		
Mayor Jordan	X			

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Other individuals in attendance: None

Council took no actions during this session.

Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers noted their attendance at the following events.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Chesapeake Bay Policy
Committee Meeting - Ms. Davis
Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors Meeting – Ms. Davis

District 22 Legislative Reception in Annapolis – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling
Martin Luther King Day ceremony at Greenbelt Baptist Church – Mr. Jordan
COG Region Forward Coalition Meeting – Mr. Jordan

Mr. Herling congratulated Ms. Davis, former Pastor Dan Hamlin and Prince George's County Police Department K9 team, Sgt. Heverly and Andy, for their induction to the Local Heroes Wall of Fame at Beltway Plaza. Ms. Davis thanked Mayor Jordan, Ms. Mach, Mr. Herling and City staff members for their attendance at the event. She also thanked Kap Kapastin and Beltway Plaza for the honor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Floor Replacement in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center from Kelly Floors LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$10,840

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Mach seconded.

Di Quynn-Reno, Community Center Supervisor, explained that Recreation staff had researched many options for carpet replacement in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center and were recommending use of a Forbo Flooring System product, Marmoleum. She provided a sample of the product and noted that it is a USDA Certified Biobased Product with a 30 year service life and R10 slip rating.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2010, Book 8).

A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Two (2) Precor EFX 835 Precision Series Dual Action Total Body Cross Trainers for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Ener-G Wellness Solutions LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$11,543

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Putens seconded.

Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation, explained the elliptical machines are very popular in the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) and GAFC staff has recommended the purchase of two (2) Precor EFX 835 Precision Series Dual Action

Total Body Cross Trainers. He said staff and patrons of the GAFC have been very satisfied with the performance and durability of the Precor elliptical machines currently in use at the GAFC.

In response to a question from Mayor Jordan, Mr. McNeal said elliptical machines average about 10-15 years of operational life.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2011, Book 8).

A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment Resolution Number 1059 to Adopt
Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Mr. Putens introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Pope seconded.

Ms. Murray explained the procedural changes regarding distribution of agendas and minutes that had been instituted in the past two years. Mr. Manzi summarized the changes recommended in the voting procedures, some of which were reflective of the State ethics laws.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	yes
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	yes
	Mayor Jordan	-	yes

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2012, Book 8).

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Contracting Services for Renovation of the
Greenbelt Theater to the Firm of Gardiner and Gardiner Contracting, LLC at a Cost Not to
Exceed \$910,836

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Mach introduced the resolution for first reading.

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Consultant Services for Development and Administration of a Police Promotional Testing Process from Fields Consulting Group of McLean, Virginia at a Cost Not to Exceed \$18,000

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the resolution for first reading.

GREENBELT THEATER RENOVATION PROJECT

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Celia Craze, Director of Planning & Community Development, explained the independent construction cost estimate obtained from Davidson Brown on the cost proposal of \$910,836 from Gardiner and Gardiner. She said Davidson Brown's estimated construction cost was \$839,206, or a difference of 7.9%. Ms. Craze advised that based on guidelines for construction cost estimating, a variance of +/-10% is an acceptable variance.

Mayor Jordan asked what portions of the project Davidson Brown estimated lower. Ms. Craze said some portions from Davidson Brown were higher (concrete, metals, finishes and specialties and HVAC) and some were lower (demolition, plastics, moisture protection, doors and windows, electric and plumbing). She noted that given the nature of cost estimating, there would be variances throughout the project.

Mayor Jordan asked about the electrical upgrade work. Ms. Craze said the PEPCO service increase and the projection upgrade are two additional project costs that will need to be included in the theater renovation final costs. She advised that for project budgeting purposes, it has been estimated that the additional PEPCO electrical work will cost \$210,000, but added that staff is seeking proposals for the work from electrical contractors used by the City. Ms. Craze said a cost proposal of \$110,000 for the projection upgrade had been received from Cardinal Systems and another cost proposal has been requested from a different vendor but no response has been received.

Mr. Roberts asked if anyone from Davidson Brown had visited the Theater. Ms. Craze said no, that Davidson Brown had just provided a construction cost based on the project's plans. In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Ms. Craze advised the cost of the construction cost estimate was \$3,200.

Mr. Herling mentioned the cost of the restroom renovations at the Greenbelt Arts Center was significantly less than the cost of the restroom renovations proposed by G&G for the Theater. He expressed concern about the closing of the Theater and suggested that instead of doing the project in two phases, an attempt be made to find funding through cost savings to do all the work at one time. Ms. Craze stated the Theater restroom renovations cost estimate from Davidson Brown was over \$190,000 compared to the G&G cost estimate of \$202,000. Regarding the Arts Center renovation project, she said she wouldn't comment until she was able to compare the details of that project.

Ms. Mach asked how long the Theater would be closed for the renovation project. Ms. Craze said based on conversations with the architect and contractor, the Theater would be closed for six months for the renovation. Ms. Mach said she wanted the public and merchants to be aware that they need to come up with some creative ideas during this period to attract patrons to the Center. Ms. Davis added that with the work starting in May, perhaps some outdoor festivals can be held. She suggested the merchants restart the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association and begin working with other groups such as the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation to hold events. Mr. Herling mentioned the success of events such as the Utopia Film Festival and the Public Safety Advisory Committee 911 program which drew large numbers of patrons to the Center.

Mayor Jordan asked about the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Partners in Preservation (PIP) grant funding for the Theater. Ms. Craze advised the deadline for use of the PIP grant funds is June 30, 2014. She said she is in discussion with NTHP now and it is possible that if the City can show substantial progress towards project completion by the deadline date, the funds can be retained.

Mayor Jordan asked about the projected timeline for beginning the project. Ms. Craze said several administrative approvals need to be obtained before work can start - an approval to a revision to the Prince George's County building permit, re-approval by the Maryland Historic Trust and approval of the contract by the State of Maryland. She said she expects all of the approvals can be obtained within eight weeks.

Ms. Pope said the renovation of the Theater will help merchants by attracting more patrons to the Center. She added that all councilmembers want the renovation to occur but just need to determine a starting point.

Mayor Jordan asked if the renovation project would disrupt any businesses in the Center. Ms. Craze said that none of the aspects of the project would force other businesses to close. She said the electric switch-over would be done over several hours at a time that is minimally disruptive to businesses.

Mr. Roberts said many businesses remain open during renovations with work being done on off-hours and suggested the same be done for the Theater. He stated that the plan submitted from Mr. Gervasi for the restroom renovation at an estimated cost of \$80,000 should not have been rejected because it did not meet the International Building Code (IBC) and International Plumbing Code. Mr. Roberts said this project should not be guided by the IBC but the Smart Code which exempts historic buildings from the requirements for new buildings. Ms. Craze advised that Smart Codes relates to many different elements of the building renovation, but it does not relieve the City of completing the renovation in accordance with applicable IBC code.

Frank Gervasi, 163 Research Road, questioned the need for the electrical upgrade work and also the removal of existing electric wiring, which he does not think are necessary. He also expressed concern that the Theater would need to be closed again for the second phase of the renovation project. Mayor Jordan advised that funding isn't available to do both phases of the project at this time. Mr. Gervasi said that items should be more specific and prioritized before the project proceeds and Phase I should include brick repair work and the concession renovation could be improved and removal of existing wire should be eliminated. He also suggested the services of a project engineer would be beneficial.

Mr. McLaughlin advised funding for brick repair work is a separate capital project and funding is included in the FY 2014 budget. Mayor Jordan said the electrical upgrade is needed for power for all spaces on that side of the Center.

Caitlyn McGrath, 10-A Hillside Road expressed concern that the role of Friends of Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) during the renovation project had not been addressed. She noted that FOGT want to help and be involved throughout the project.

Mr. Roberts reported that he had an HVAC contractor come and look at the proposed work for the roof mounted HVAC unit. He said the estimator wouldn't submit a bid because he did not believe a roof mounted unit was appropriate. Mr. Roberts noted the water problems many businesses had experienced were due to holes and cracks in the roof in other parts of the Center from roof mounted units. He said roof mounted units threaten the structural integrity of the building and he would not vote for the project as long as this type of unit was included in the plans.

Leonard Wallace, Realty One, said the Center merchants are very concerned that closing the Theater will have a devastating impact to their businesses. He commented that the Center had become vibrant within the last several years and was concerned that patrons will stop coming when the theatre is temporarily closed and it would be difficult to get them back when the Theater reopens. He urged Council to find a way to keep the Theater open during the renovation. Mr. Wallace also said that he agreed with Mr. Roberts that roof mounted HVAC units are not appropriate. He mentioned the water problems his business had recently experienced.

Ms. Craze provided a summary of the steps taken with George Christacos, the Center owner, including the violations issued for numerous roofing problems and variety of other violations, as well as for failure to obtain occupancy license for all tenant spaces at the Center. She said the occupancy licenses for the Roosevelt Center business had expired in June 2013 and starting in January 2014, municipal infraction citations were being issued on a weekly basis with daily fines in the amount of \$500 per address per day for the 13 businesses being assessed. In response to a question from Mayor Jordan, Mr. Manzi advised the process for additional enforcement steps if necessary.

Ms. Davis advised that the Theater renovation project, including its closing for six months, had been discussed at the last several work sessions Council held with Roosevelt Center merchants. She said none of the merchants attending had expressed any concern.

Mr. Putens said he agreed with Mr. Roberts that a roof mounted HVAC unit is not a good idea. He advised he had spoken to several engineers/experts in the field and roof mounted units are not appropriate. Mr. Putens added that he had spoken to several of the Center merchants who supported the Theater renovation project and feel the project will benefit the entire Center when complete.

Mr. Orleans, Greenbelt, asked and was provided answers to several questions.

Virginia Jones, Ridge Road, said she is a frequent patron of the Greenbelt Theater and had only been there once (on a Christmas Day) when the audience was full. She said that she supported the Theater renovation project and added that she doubted theater patrons were the mainstay of businesses in the Center.

Mr. Roberts requested a price quote of replacing the HVAC system with a ground mounted unit in place of the roof mounted unit. Mr. Putens, Mr. Herling and Ms. Pope agreed that it would be helpful to see a price quote for a ground mounted unit. Ms. Craze advised that installation of a ground mounted unit will require a complete reworking of the ductwork system which is a redesign and estimated it would cause approximately a four week delay of the project. Mr. Roberts disagreed and said new components can be purchased that will meet code without a complete redesign.

Mr. Roberts moved that Council direct staff to obtain a cost estimate for replacing the HVAC with a ground mounted system without a redesign. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 5-2. (Mach, Davis)

Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach expressed concern regarding a delay in the project. Ms. Mach said if going forward with a new cost estimate, she wanted to see the pros and cons of ground mounted unit versus the roof mounted unit.

Mr. Gervasi said the project could easily be redesigned and simplified and better prices would then be obtained on some portions of the project.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPORT #2013-1 (POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE)

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Virginia Jones, former member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), said she was very pleased with the recommendations and hoped Council would act on the request.

Ms. Davis stated that directional signage was also needed for the fire station, particularly because of its use as an emergency shelter and safe haven. She suggested the following areas be considered: Southway near Crescent Road; Crescent Road (inbound) near Ridge Road; and Crescent Road near Woodland Hills.

Ms. Davis moved the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board and Planning and Community Development staff for placement of police identification signs, with appropriate directional arrow signage, with the addition that signage for the fire department be included in appropriate areas. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mayor Jordan expressed concern about sign proliferation and suggested the signs be clustered whenever possible. Ms. Mach stated that good signage is beneficial to economic development.

The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS:

Ms. Davis – Chesapeake Bay Water Policy Committee meeting
Mayor Jordan – Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee meeting

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Sessions: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an executive session on February 5, 2014, to discuss a personnel matter and the collective bargaining negotiations. Mr. Herling seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an executive session on February 12 or 19, 2014, to discuss a possible conflict of interest on a City advisory board. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, January 27, 2014, at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held January 27, 2014."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, January 29, 2014, for the purpose of a City Manager Update.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:03 p.m. It was held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager, Jeff Williams, City Treasurer and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Molly Lester and Bill Orleans.

December Monthly Financial Report

Mr. McLaughlin stated that revenues for Fiscal Year 2014 were running a little behind and expenses were running a little ahead of last year. The main cause for the lower revenues was lower property tax receipts. There was discussion of abatements and Mr. McLaughlin noted that to date, there had not been significant abatements. He noted that income tax receipts were up slightly.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that expenditures were being driven by retirement payouts and police cars. There was discussion of the fund balance. Council asked about the retirement payouts and requested more information on retirement payouts. Several Council Members wanted to be careful about making any changes to employee benefits.

Monthly Capital Projects Update

Ms. Pope asked about the Belle Point playground project. Mr. Moran responded that the grant application had been submitted and this was a Fiscal Year 2015 project. In response to a question from Mayor Jordan, Mr. Moran provided an update on the Springhill Lake Recreation Center renovation project.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Preview

Mr. McLaughlin stated there was good news on Highway User Funding because the Governor's proposed budget had the same funding level as Fiscal Year 2014. He noted that this was the 2nd year of the triennial assessment process and revenues were likely to remain flat. Mr. McLaughlin expected there to be pressure on the Capital Funds budget due to several significant projects (theater renovation, lake dam repair phase 1, pedestrian/bike plan recommendations).

Mayor Jordan noted shifts in the office park tenants and asked about the vacancy rate. Mr. McLaughlin was hopeful that the office vacancy rate would be down and cited Capital Office Park's recent success as an example.

Mr. Putens asked if there was something the City could do to help a vacant office building such as a short-term tax exemption.

Ms. Mach suggested that the City seek State bond bill funding for the lake dam repair project.

Council Action Request Update

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the memo dated 1/22/14 with Council. Council was updated on the status of each item.

Goals/Priorities from 1/15/14

Council reviewed the listing of goals they identified at the January 15, 2014 work session. These will be considered in preparation of the FY 2015 Budget.

Top Ten List

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed this list with Council.

Informational Items

Mayor Davis asked about her budget suggestions distributed at the final budget work session last May. Mayor Jordan reminded Council about the 4-Cities meeting on January 30.

The meeting ended at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*

**STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Date: 2-12-14

Time: 8:10pm

Location: Library-Municipal Bldg.

Motion to close session by: Ms. Davis

Seconded by: Ms. Mach.

Vote to close session:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Davis	✓			
Mr. Herling	✓			
Ms. Mach	✓			
Ms. Pope	✓			
Mr. Putens	✓			
Mr. Roberts				✓
Mayor Jordan	✓			

(Roberts @ 8:17pm)

**Statutory Authority to Close Session
State Government Article §10-508(a):**

- (1) ☒ To discuss:
- (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- (2) ☐ To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.
- (3) ☐ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
- (4) ☐ To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
- (5) ☐ To consider the investment of public funds.
- (6) ☐ To consider the marketing of public securities.
- (7) ☐ To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

- (8) [] To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
- (9) [] To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
- (10) [] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:
- (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
 - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
- (11) [] To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- (12) [] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- (13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
- (14) [] Before a contract is awarded or bids or opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

Topics to be discussed:

Possible conflict of interest on a City Advisory Board


Emmett V. Jordan (Signature of Presiding Officer)

TO BE COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION

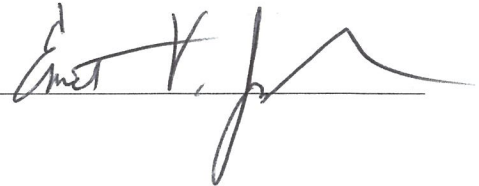
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STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager
Robert Manzi (By conference call) and John Shay, City Solicitor
Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Possible conflict of interest
on a City Advisory Board.

ACTIONS TAKEN: None.

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:



REQUEST No. 2014-01
January 31, 2014

**GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Alternative Fuel Vehicles for the City, especially for the Police Department.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council held Monday, June 4, 2012 Green ACES members were present when Council was reviewing the purchasing of Police vehicles. John Lippert, Green ACES chair, mentioned his group would like to advise the Police Department when making future purchases so they can include alternative vehicles in their deliberations.

At the Green ACES meeting of September 25, 2012 John Lippert gave a presentation to Captain Schinner. Please find the presentation attached. The purpose of the presentation was several-fold:

1) Demonstrate that other municipalities and jurisdictions are adopting alternative-fueled vehicles; 2) Demonstrate to the Greenbelt Police Department the wide diversity of alternative-fueled vehicles to choose from, including hybrids; plug-in and extended range hybrids; all-battery-electric vehicles; and vehicles powered by natural gas; as well as two-, three-, and four-wheeled vehicles; and 3) Inform the Police Department that many more models will be coming into the marketplace in the next few years.

The group did not intend to push one specific make or model, but rather to show that a needs assessment must first be done to determine the City's exact needs for a vehicle. Each type of alternative-fueled vehicle has its own specific niche to fill, and whether it is appropriate for Greenbelt depends on the City's specific requirements. The Chair mentioned that he follows the industry very closely and can assist the City in selecting a vehicle when it comes time to selecting one.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We urge Council to refer to Green ACES when deciding about purchasing a new vehicle for the City as the group might have recommendations on the latest Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,



John Lippert
Chair, Green ACES

Greening the Greenbelt Police Department Fleet

A Presentation by
John Lippert, Chair
**Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental
Sustainability (Green ACES)**

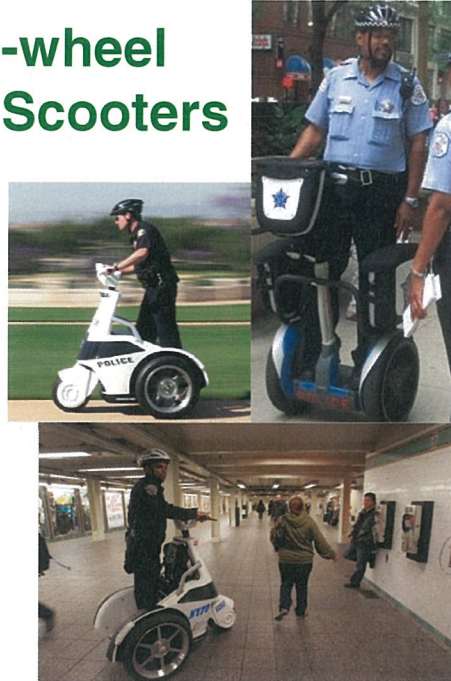
September 25, 2012

Greening Police Fleets to Save Money and be more Environmentally Sustainable

- The automotive industry is innovating at an incredibly rapid pace in the environmental arena because of stricter fuel economy standards and higher gas prices. Police fleets across the country (and globe) are taking advantage of new vehicle offerings to green their fleets, achieving considerable cost savings and environmental benefits.

2- & 3-wheel Electric Scooters

- Many police departments have bike patrols, complimenting foot patrols. Police departments are also using hybrid pedal / electric assist bikes, Segways, and two- and three-wheel full-electric scooters. They offer the advantage of cops on foot beats but allow them to patrol a much greater area and get to a crime scene faster, especially in congested cities.
- Of the 3-wheel scooters: "These electric scooters are good for anywhere you would have a large amount of people and you want the officers to be highly visible, give them a stable platform to operate their duties from and yet still be approachable by the community," says Sgt. Dan Gomez of the LAPD. "This seems to fit the need."



Highway-capable Scooters

- The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recently took ownership of 7 electric scooters that were donated by the Consumer Electronics Association to help police "go green."
- They are nearly silent and have a top speed of 62 mph. Police said officers have pushed them to 65 mph.
- The scooters are not intended for high-speed chases but will be used where they're most effective: the Strip, one of the most congested areas in the valley. Officers already use bicycles there.
- A number of police departments are evaluating or using the highway-capable Vectrix scooters.



Now—Electric Motorcycles

- Several manufacturers are now offering electric motorcycles: Zero Motorcycles, Brammo, Electric Motorsport/Native
- The Scotts Valley, CA Police Department took delivery of a Zero DS electric motorcycle it plans to use for a wide range of traffic and patrol assignments.



Hybrid 5-0h! Police Cruisers Go Green

- Hybrid vehicles have been available for more than a decade.
- In Westwood, New Jersey, this Ford Escape Hybrid police cruiser, which averages 20 miles per gallon, replaced a Crown Victoria that was getting 6 mpg.



New Models Coming

- The new 2013 Ford C-Max hybrid is a 5-passenger multi-activity vehicle with EPA-estimated 47 city/47 hwy/47 combined mpg.
- The new 2013 C-Max Energi is a plug-in hybrid with an all-electric range of more than 20 miles and an expected 95 MPG equivalent.



Plug-in Hybrids

- Plug-in hybrids, both range-extended (serial) hybrids and parallel hybrids, are now in the marketplace and are starting to enter police fleets. They offer the advantage of having a pure battery electric (stealth) mode for a certain number of miles where the gasoline engine is not running.

NYPD Switches to Chevy Volts

- The New York City Police Department has a new cruiser that will be silently plying the city streets very soon: 50 Chevrolet Volts will be used for, among other things, police work.
- The Volts won't be chasing down bank robbers – they'll be used by traffic enforcement agents who cruise the city's streets writing parking tickets.
- The Volt will be the first electric car used by the New York City Police Department, although the department already uses a number of hybrid cars and electric scooters.



Vauxhall Ampera amps up for police duty at Scotland Yard

- Vauxhall, the UK subsidiary of General Motors, brought the hybrid – basically a [Chevy Volt](#) with different bodywork – to the Intelligent Transport Systems division of the Association of Chief Police Officers to show them how the PHEV could be prepared to serve as a police vehicle.

For the demonstration, Vauxhall equipped this Ampera with four external cameras, a facial recognition system, a police database interface built into the dashboard display and more. The police-spec model, says Vauxhall, could be ready to roll into police motorcades in the UK by 2015.



Nissan Leaf gets badged for police duty in Portugal

- Portugal's PSP (Polícia de Segurança Pública) will use the all-electric hatchbacks mostly for the Safe School Program, Nissan said in a statement, but they are decked out and ready "to perform other police duties at any time" should they be asked to do so.
- Eight EVs will soon be used on patrol as a way for the police to "arrive at the scene of a crime in near silence."



Can EVs Go the Distance?

- Chevy Volt drivers have cumulatively driven their plug-in hybrids more than 100 million miles; 63 million miles were powered by electricity; i.e., nearly 2/3 of the miles were from charging up the battery.
- The average EV user drives 1,050 miles per month and spends around \$30 in charging costs, saves around \$75 per month in fuel costs, and sheds 360 pounds of CO₂ emissions compared to "regular" drivers according to PlugShare.

It's a Gas!

- The only natural gas light-duty vehicle manufactured in the U.S. is the Honda Civic GX.
- GM sells several models of CNG- or LPG-powered cargo vans to fleets.
- Chrysler and GM both announced plans to offer bi-fuel full-size pickup trucks powered by natural gas or gasoline.



Conventional Vehicles Making Radical Changes to Go Green

- Toyota's new 2013 Avalon is 110 lbs. lighter than the 2012 model, tipping the scales at 3,461 lbs. When it arrives at dealerships later this year, the 2013 Avalon will be the lightest-weight vehicle in the premium mid-size segment, according to Toyota. Its 2013 powertrain combination offers improved fuel economy, performance, superior shift feel and response, with upgraded drivability and quietness, according to Toyota. This enhanced powertrain's programming has been updated to offer ECO, NORMAL, and SPORT Modes, achieving an EPA-rated 25 mpg combined, 21 city, 31 hwy.
- The new hybrid version offers three modes of operation: EV, ECO and SPORT and achieves an EPA-rated 40 mpg in the city, and a 39 mpg on the highway, for a combined 40 mpg EPA-rating.

Conventional Vehicles Making Radical Changes to Go Green

- The new Range Rover features an all-aluminum body 39% lighter than the outgoing steel body, losing 700 lbs. The weight saving from the aluminum body heightens the characteristic Range Rover sensation of effortless performance, but also improves efficiency. For example, the 510PS LR-V8 Supercharged model can now accelerate from 0-60mph in 5.1 seconds, a reduction of 0.8 seconds over the outgoing model. Fuel consumption, however, is cut by 9%. It's automatic transmission jumps in 2013 to an 8-speed for fuel efficiency.



Going Green Can be Rewarding

- Manufacturers are making a lot of effort to produce greener vehicles that can save the City of Greenbelt money and help the environment. This presentation covers only a small sampling of available models available now, and in the near future.
- Making an effort to select the vehicle that is the greenest make and model that meets the requirements for the job can be rewarded in much lower fuel costs and lower adverse environmental costs.

**GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Greenbriar Stream Restoration Project

BACKGROUND:

Per Council request Green ACES was asked to look into the Greenbriar Stream Restoration Plan proposed as a mitigation site for the Jara development. The natural resources management and ecological restoration company Environmental Systems Analysis (ESA) was contracted by Jara to complete the mitigation project.

Green ACES, relying on the expertise of Greenbelters skilled in this field, collected historical information and elevation GIS layers on Greenbriar Forest Park and reviewed ESA's proposal. Green ACES has seen the presentation Mr. Kelly from ESA made at our meeting and to Council, and discussed the attributes of the project.

On Sunday, December 8, 2013, Green ACES, members of CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek), and Greenbelt residents walked the Greenbriar Stream. Based on previous research and observations the group came to the following conclusions.

- Looking at aerial maps from the 1930s and contour elevation maps it can be seen that this is a natural drainage area. This was probably an ephemeral first order stream.
- It seems that the first downcutting of the streambed occurred several decades (or more) ago before the stormwater pond and housing development went up in the mid-1980s.
- The upper part of the stream (near the holding pond) is now showing it has reached dynamic equilibrium and is functioning at a self-sustaining level. The upper part of the stream's health is regenerating on its own as evidenced by moss growing on the banks as well as mountain laurel and rhododendron.
- The bottom part of the stream closer to Hanover Parkway is showing some new incising, the degradation traveling slowly upstream.
- There is a concrete structure at Hanover that establishes a "base level" to which the stream is adjusting by incising the streambed upstream. There is an ironstone outcrop "knick-point" at around 142 feet upstream from Hanover that marks the *highly incised* portion of the stream; about 40 feet upstream from this we can see a *moderately incised* portion of the stream with the last head-cut at around 182 feet from Hanover.
- Upstream from the ~182 feet mark, it can be seen that as the stream narrows it stabilizes, and the bank vegetation is coming back on its own.
- The general health of the woods seems good for this area, with a nice organic soil layer (duff layer), club moss, and other native species. Special emphasis should be made in minimizing disturbance to the areas surrounding the stream.

Green ACES and CCRIC would like to look for priority streams in our City for future mitigation projects. A sub-group has formed to start looking at the streams in Greenbelt mentioned in the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan. This sub-group will prioritize streams for restoration and perhaps in the future we can recommend which stream we are more interested in being mitigated rather than the developer choosing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) We urge Council that for future stream restoration projects, our groups (Green ACES, CCRIC, Friends for Still Creek, and Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG)) be consulted earlier in the process.
- 2) We recommend that the staging area and limit of disturbance be kept to a minimum, and that no trees be removed for staging nor access purposes.
- 3) We recommend that the Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance (RSC) or step-pool construction be done from Hanover up to the 182 feet point. The step-pool method proposed seems appropriate for this segment, especially if smaller particle sediment is used (rather than only the bluestone originally proposed) to fill it in at the bottom to allow for more water storage capacity and perhaps help bring the water table up.
- 4) At 182 feet we see the last head-cut in the stream. We recommend that minimally intrusive methods be used to transition from the restored segment to the natural segment above this portion.
- 5) At 182 feet we can see a sweet bay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) on the left of the bank looking upstream, and a mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) on the right bank—we recommend that these be saved, if possible.
- 6) Looking upstream from the 182 mark, it can be seen that as the stream narrows it stabilizes and the bank vegetation has come back on its own. From this point, going all the way to the source, we recommend no vegetation be removed. *No disturbance is desired from this point on.*
- 7) Another thing to consider for this project is the fact that the retention pond where the stream begins has some Phragmites. Opening the canopy downstream could facilitate the sprouting of seeds along the river banks. We would like the project to include monitoring and mitigation of any encroachment of exotic invasives for 8 years (not just the usual 5).
- 8) Furthermore, it has been brought to our attention that the culvert/bridge near the holding pond (see figure) might need to be replaced soon. We recommend that if that is the case, the culvert be replaced by a real bridge, and that that segment of the stream be restored.
- 9) Green ACES and the stream groups would like to have the opportunity to review any new drawings in the early stages of their development.

Respectfully submitted,



John Lippert
Chair, Green ACES

Greenbriar Park Stream Restoration Considerations

Culvert underneath footbridge



View of stream bank from foot bridge



142 Feet from Hanover



182 feet from Hanover



Retention pond

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, AeroGRID, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



DATE: February 4, 2014

TO: Greenbelt City Council

FROM: Public Safety Advisory Committee

RE: Response to the Abell Report on Child Pornography

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) has examined at length the issue of how to deal with persons accused of child pornography as detailed in Mr. Abell's letter dated Oct. 21, 2012 to Council. Mr. Abell has a total of six (6) recommendations that he would like instituted. We clarified and discussed Mr. Abell's requests during a PSAC meeting with Mr. Abell present on Sept. 1, 2013.

The first recommendation was for the City to notify the public of any arrest made where the charge involves child pornography. We defer to the Greenbelt Police Department's policy on how they currently deal with such issues. PSAC does not feel it would be appropriate for the City to publicize a person's name or other demographic information when they are only suspected of a crime of child pornography. Once the person is arrested, that information is available to the public through the police department (once the police have cleared the information for release). PSAC does not feel the City should go to extra efforts to publicize arrests of people accused of child pornography. We feel this type of publication should be left to the Police Department's Public Information Officer.

While we absolutely support our children being protected at all times, we also need to stay cognizant of the extreme sensitivity of this type of crime as it pertains to the person accused. Releasing information when a person is only a suspect could literally be life altering for that person. If the person is innocent, this could have a devastating impact on the rest of his/her life.

PSAC remains neutral on Mr. Abell's second recommendation of requesting the News Review to include all child pornography arrests in the police blotter. We defer to the Greenbelt Police Department's policy on how they currently handle the police blotter. We do believe that the GPD already releases this type of information to the News Review, but the News Review may choose not to print certain details, which is their prerogative.

PSAC is opposed to the suggestion that the City should be involved in notifying employers of an employee that is either suspected or arrested for child pornography. We feel this type of notification would be a significant liability for the City. The police department may notify the employer during the course of their investigation. This is understandable. But, we do not feel the City should make a separate and specific effort to notify employers.

The last two recommendations Mr. Abell listed were appropriate and good ideas. The first of these ideas, utilizing City services, such as CARES, to educate the public about child pornography, is one that has already been instituted in the City and PSAC recommends this policy continue.

The very last recommendation, City support to encourage the courts to continue to require psychological and behavioral therapy for all convicted sexual predators, is an excellent suggestion. It is our understanding that this is already a policy of the courts when dealing with sexual predators. PSAC hopes that this policy continues and would encourage the Council to voice their support of this type of policy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Laura Kressler', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

Laura Kressler, Chair
Public Safety Advisory Committee

cc: Mary Johnson, City Liaison
Capt. Tom Kemp, Police Liaison
Silke Pope, Council Liaison

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
Posted:
Effective:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE, "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL," SUBTITLE "HOME RULE" TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTION 8, TITLED "SAME—QUORUM, PROCEDURE" (CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1)

SECTION I WHEREAS, there are certain instances where Council members may be entitled to abstain from voting.

SECTION II BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt that the Charter of the City, found, in whole or in part, in the compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 edition as amended), as prepared by the Department of Legislative Services pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, shall be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 8. Same--Quorum, procedure.

(a) Quorum: A majority of the members elected to the council shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

(b) Voting: The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote; except, that a vote to adjourn, or regarding the attendance of absent members, may be adopted by a majority of the members present; and except that any votes to delete properties from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve shall require at least six (6) votes. ~~No member shall be excused from voting except on matters involving the consideration of his own official conduct or when his financial interests are involved.~~ Any member shall be entitled to abstain so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

1. When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.

2. When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
3. When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

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SECTION III BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date of the adoption of this resolution is February 24, 2014, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City, as herein adopted, shall be and become effective on April 15, 2014, unless on or before April 5, 2014, a proper petition for referendum on this resolution shall be filed as permitted by law.

SECTION IV BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a complete and exact copy of this resolution shall be posted at the Greenbelt City Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, until April 5, 2014 and a fair summary of the proposed Charter amendment contained in this resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Greenbelt not fewer than four (4) times at weekly intervals before April 5, 2014.

SECTION V BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as the Charter amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as herein provided or following a referendum, the City Manager shall send or cause to be sent to the Department of Legislative Reference the following information concerning this Charter resolution: (1) the complete text of this resolution; (2) the date of enactment of the Charter amendment; (3) the date of the referendum election, if any; (4) the number of votes cast for or against this resolution whether by the City Council or in a referendum; and (5) the effective date of the Charter amendment contained herein.

SECTION VI AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Greenbelt be and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out or cause to be carried out the provisions of Sections IV and V.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Key:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

~~Overstriking~~ indicates language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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(c) *Payment of death benefits.* — (1) Death benefits shall be paid to 1 or more of the dependents of a covered employee who are entitled to death benefits, as determined by the Commission, for the benefit of all of the dependents who are entitled to death benefits.

(2) A dependent to whom death benefits are paid shall apply the death benefits to the use of all of the dependents who are entitled to death benefits:

(i) according to the respective claims of the dependents of the deceased covered employee for support; and

(ii) in compliance with the findings and direction of the Commission. (2011, chs. 435, 436.)

Editor’s note. — Section 2, chs. 435 and 436, Acts 2011, provides that “this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively to deaths occurring on or after the effective date of this Act and may not be applied or interpreted to

have any effect on or application to any death occurring before the effective date of this Act.”

Section 3, chs. 435 and 436, Acts 2011, provides that the acts shall take effect October 1, 2011.

§ 9-683.6. Election by municipal corporation or county.

(a) *In general.* — A municipal corporation or county may make a one-time election to make their covered employees who are subject to § 9-503 of this title and their dependents subject to §§ 9-683.1 through 9-683.5 of this subtitle.

(b) *Procedure.* — To make the election described under subsection (a) of this section, the governing body of the municipal corporation or county shall:

(1) adopt an ordinance or resolution stating that it is the intent of the governing body to exercise the right of election; and

(2) forward a copy of the ordinance or resolution to the Commission.

(c) *Acknowledgment of receipt of ordinance or resolution.* — On receipt of a copy of the resolution, the Commission shall acknowledge receipt of the ordinance or resolution to the municipal corporation or county.

(d) *Workers’ compensation cases arising after acknowledged receipt.* — Once the Commission has acknowledged receipt of the ordinance or resolution, any workers’ compensation case arising on or after the date of acknowledgement and involving a covered employee of the municipal corporation or county who is subject to § 9-503 of this title and the dependents of the covered employee shall be subject to §§ 9-683.1 through 9-683.5 of this subtitle. (2011, chs. 435, 436.)

Editor’s note. — Section 2, chs. 435 and 436, Acts 2011, provides that “this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively to deaths occurring on or after the effective date of this Act and may not be applied or interpreted to

have any effect on or application to any death occurring before the effective date of this Act.”

Section 3, chs. 435 and 436, Acts 2011, provides that the acts shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Part XIII. Funeral Benefits.

§ 9-689. Funeral benefits.

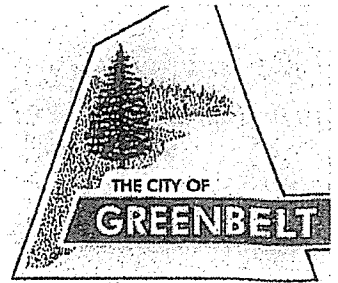
(a) *In general.* — The employer or its insurer shall pay reasonable funeral

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

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James R. Craze
Chief of Police

April 22, 2013

Corporal Michael Apgar
President, FOP Lodge 32



146th Session

RE: Addendums attached to the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

Dear President Apgar,

Below you will find several items the Union successfully negotiated with the City of Greenbelt during the most recent collective bargaining session. The intent of this addendum letter is to acknowledge those agreed upon items.

- The City agreed to adopt an ICMARC Retirement Health Savings Plan with the caveat that members divert funding from their current ICMA 457 contribution. Members who are not presently participating in the ICMA 457 plan must do so in order for the membership to qualify under the Retirement Health Savings Plan guidelines.
- City will draft a resolution adopting enhanced IWIF Death Benefits for Police Officers.

Sincerely,

James R. Craze
Chief of Police

Corporal Michael Apgar
President, FOP Lodge 32

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Maryland Death Benefits – Changes to the Law

- The new death benefit laws correct a disparity that existed in the law;
- The new laws only apply to deaths occurring after October 1, 2011;
- The new laws currently apply to all employees EXCEPT §9-503 presumption (public safety employees);
- The old laws will still apply to employees subject to the presumptions unless their entity "opts-in";
- All private and State employees, as well as, all non-presumption employees are subject to the new law;
- Counties and municipalities with presumption employees must "opt-in" in order for the presumption employees to be covered under the new law;
- In order to "opt-in" an entity must pass a resolution, amendment or law in their entity and then submit to the WCC for approval (see WCC's website link below); and,
- The "family income" formula will determine the benefit amount that dependents receive.

Maryland Death Benefits Laws Citations:

Old Laws: Maryland Code Annotated Labor & Employment §§9-678 – 9-686.

New Laws: Maryland Code Annotated Labor & Employment §§9-683.1 - 9-683.5.

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission Information Website:

http://www.wcc.state.md.us/Gen_Info/Dependent_Claim_Opt_In.htm

Contact Information:

Maryland Association of Counties (MaCo)
Leslie Knapp – 410-978-6670

Maryland Municipal League
Jim Peck – 410-268-5514

Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission
Email: Opt_in_info@wcc.state.md.us or for specific questions contact:

Stacey L. Roig – Secretary of the Commission
sroig@wcc.state.md.us

Comparison of Death Benefits - New law vs. Old law

When spouse earns income:

Example: *Injured worker dies from a work related accident at age 40.
The deceased worker had an average weekly wage of \$600.00.
The deceased worker's spouse was earning \$300.00 per week.
There are no other dependents.*

OLD LAW (to be applied to deaths prior to 10/1/11 and to presumption employees whose entity has not opted-in):

Due to the spouse's income the spouse would be considered "partially dependent".
The Workers' Compensation benefit to be paid is 2/3 of the average weekly wage = \$400.00/wk.
The benefit will be payable at \$267.00 per week until the \$75,000.00 lifetime cap is reached.
The maximum benefit payable to a partially dependent spouse is **\$75,000.00 total over his/her lifetime.**

NEW LAW (to be applied to deaths after 10/1/11, except for presumption employees whose entity has not opted-in):

Under the new law, the concept of "partially dependent" is no longer applicable.
The base Workers' Compensation benefit to be paid is 2/3 of the average weekly wage = \$400.00/wk.
Under the new law, the concept of "family income" is applied.
The benefit amount payable is \$267.00 per week for a maximum of 12 years.
The maximum benefit period payable to the spouse is 12 years (144 months).
The maximum benefit is 12 years at \$267.00/wk = **\$166,608.00.***

When spouse does not earn income:

Example: *Injured worker dies from a work related accident at age 40.
The deceased worker had an average weekly wage of \$600.00.
The deceased worker's spouse was earning \$0 per week.
There are no other dependents.*

OLD LAW (to be applied to deaths prior to 10/1/11 and to presumption employees whose entity has not opted-in):

Due to the spouse's lack of income the spouse would be considered "wholly dependent".
The Workers' Compensation benefit to be paid is 2/3 of the average weekly wage = \$400.00/wk.
The benefit will be payable at \$400.00 per week.
Benefits are payable to the spouse for as long as spouse remains wholly dependent (in many instances for his/her life) and if and until the spouse remarries.
Life expectancy of a 35 year old female is 46.4 years, payable at \$400.00/wk = **\$965,120.00.**

NEW LAW (to be applied to deaths after 10/1/11 except for presumption employees whose entity has not opted-in):

Under the new law, the concept of "wholly dependent" is no longer applicable.
The base Workers' Compensation benefit to be paid is 2/3 of the average weekly wage = \$400.00/wk.
Under the new law, the concept of "family income" is applied.
The maximum benefit period payable to the spouse is 12 years (144 months).
The benefit amount payable is \$400.00 per week for a maximum of 12 years.
The maximum benefit is 12 years at \$400.00/wk = **\$249,600.00.***

***Limitations of new law – age, disability, marriage, children and others:**

All death benefits shall be paid for 144 months or 12 years unless an item below applies:

- All death benefits shall terminate on the date that would have been the deceased covered employee's 70th birthday – provided that a minimum of five (5) years of benefits has been paid except in the case of a mental or physical disability or a child – see below;
- *Disabilities:* If a dependent spouse or child is incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability that preexisted the covered employee's death, death benefits shall continue for the duration of the dependent's disability;
- *Remarriage:* If a dependent spouse remarries, death benefits shall terminate two (2) years after the date of remarriage;
- *Age of Majority:* The employer or its insurer shall continue to make payments to or for the benefit of a dependent child until the child reaches 18 years of age;
- *Child in School:* The employer or its insurer shall continue to make payment to or for the benefit of a dependent child for up to five (5) years after the child reaches 18 years of age if:
 1. The child is attending school on a full-time basis; and
 2. The school offers an educational program or a vocational program that is accredited or approved by the State Department of Education.
- *Other Dependents:* Dependents who are neither dependent spouses nor dependent children may not collect more than a total of \$65,000 collectively as their portion of the total death benefits.

Introduced:
1st Reading:
Passed:
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Effective:

RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO COVER CITY PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES AND
THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER SECTIONS 9-683.1 THROUGH 9-683.5 OF THE LABOR
AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland, adopted House Bill 417 in 2011 which pertains to the death benefits for dependents under Worker's Compensation Insurance; and

WHEREAS, according to the City's Workers Compensation Insurer (IWIF), the new death benefit law corrects a disparity that existed in the old law; and

WHEREAS, the new law currently applies to all employees except public safety employees (§9-503 presumption) unless their employer makes a one-time election to cover them under the new law; and

WHEREAS, during negotiations for the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, the bargaining unit requested that their members receive this new benefit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt wishes to include its paid police officers under the new law so they are eligible for this new death benefit. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the City elects to include its paid police officers (§9-503 presumption) under sections 9-683.1 through 9-683.5 of the Labor and Employment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of February 27, 2014.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Murray, City Clerk

**CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager *MPM*
FROM: Celia W. Craze, Planning and Community Development
Director
DATE: February 14, 2014
SUBJECT: Routine maintenance at community gardens

Over the past two years discussions have been going on between City Council, members of the Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC), city staff and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) about issues related to the use, maintenance, expansion and regulation of the community gardens.

In July, 2012, City Council met with the GCGC with a major point of discussion being possible expansion of the community gardens. It was agreed that city staff would work with the GCGC in an effort to define the boundaries of the gardens.

The process of defining these boundaries proved problematic because of differing opinion and perspectives on the baseline for defining the garden boundaries. At various times it was suggested that the boundaries should be based on existing gardens, and others argued that the garden boundary should be based on the historic extension of the gardens. Other questions included:

- Should the areas around the gardens (primarily access paths) be considered part of the gardens or something else?
- How should garden use areas (areas around the gardens used by gardeners for storage, parking, drive aisles and composting) be defined?
- What type of routine maintenance is required and what are the areas where routine maintenance is permitted?
- How extensive will routine maintenance be, considering present and future shading caused by trees outside any area of routine maintenance?

Although not specifically related to the definition of a routine maintenance buffer or zone, ancillary issues such as activities permitted or prohibited in the forest preserve (and by extension the community gardens), and the use of pesticides in the gardens and maintenance areas

have been discussed. Staff recommends that discussions of these issues be deferred to a future worksession.

At some time the City Council should revisit the language contained in the Management and Maintenance Guidelines related to the contingency for the community gardens. Many hours of discussion, particularly between FPAB and GCGC has focused on the intent of the city code and the Management and Maintenance Guidelines, as each defines rules and regulation for the community gardens.

The guidelines should be revised to better describe the rules and expectations associated with operation of the community gardens. The guidelines were written ten years ago, and these guidelines set forth a general policy that the gardens should be continued. Not stated in the guidelines is whether the exception to permit and retain the community gardens located in the forest preserve means that all rules and regulations for the forest preserve are relaxed. It has been staff's position that the guidelines are intended to protect the act of gardening, and related maintenance, for the community gardens located in the forest preserve. There is no statement in the guidelines or in the city code to indicate that all rules and regulations for the forest preserve are waived for the community garden. This debate will require clarification of the City Council's express intent for the application of general provisions of the forest preserve statute to the community gardens. However, staff recommends that this matter be deferred to another meeting.

At this time staff is recommending that a routine maintenance buffer/zone around the community gardens be established by City Council, as is discussed below. No other action by Council with respect to the community gardens or the forest preserve is recommended at this time.

Discussion

At the September 30, 2013 worksession between City Council and the Forest Preserve Advisory Board, staff presented proposed revisions to the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines, to specifically define what and where community garden maintenance will be conducted by city crews. City staff recommended that a routine maintenance zone measuring eight feet (8') from the outer fence perimeter of the different garden areas be established.

This routine maintenance zone would be regularly cleared by public works via mechanical means, and the maintenance would be conducted on a semi-annual basis. Staff has also recommended that trees located within gardens be removed, and those trees with branches overhanging

the gardens be pruned. Finally, staff recommended that a process be created by which the city and/or the garden club would, on an annual basis, identify trees outside the gardens and proposed routine maintenance area, that may be considered hazardous or that cause excessive shading of the gardens. This process was termed by staff as "extra maintenance", and is considered a case by case review of specific concerns associated with trees outside the 8' maintenance zone. As with the discussion of pesticide use and other issues, it is recommended that consideration of "extra maintenance" be deferred to a future worksession.

Following the September, 2013 worksession, city staff placed stakes indicating the limits of the proposed routine maintenance zone. These proposed limits were inspected by City Council, FPAB and GCGC members. The proposed routine maintenance boundaries were re-staked and inspected on February, 1, 2104.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) has submitted three reports (2013-03, 2013-04, 2013-05) containing their recommendations on the proposed routine maintenance zone. The GCGC has submitted several maps indicating their recommended routine maintenance areas as well as "garden use" areas and "access corridors".

FPAB's reports reflect general agreement with the routine maintenance boundaries proposed by city staff, however, FPAB has recommended that several trees the board specifies, as well as trees the board will specify, be preserved. FPAB also recommends that the brushy area between the Hamilton Gardens and the GHI boat yard be limited to maintenance at a width of six feet (6').

The FPAB reports go on to recommend that several trees within or adjacent to the proposed maintenance zone be preserved. Specifically, the Board recommends as follows:

1. Gardenway (north side) – Establish 8' routine maintenance zone on city owned property. No city maintenance on GHI property.
2. Gardenway (southeast corner) – Retain 26" willow oak.
3. Gardenway (northeast corner) – Retain 15" sweet gem tree.
4. Gardenway (unspecified location) – Trees (6 identified in FPAB survey) to be flagged by FPAB for preservation.
5. Henry's Hollow (north side of smaller rectangle) – Two (2) trees (undefined) to be flagged by FPAB for preservation.
6. Henry's Hollow (north side of larger rectangle, facing GHI administration building) – 12 trees ranging in diameter from 3" – 12" to be flagged by FPAB for preservation.

7. Henry's Hollow (east side of larger rectangle) – 14 trees of unspecified size (greater than 6" in diameter) to be flagged by FPAB for preservation.
8. Henry's Hollow (all other areas) –Establish 8' routine maintenance zone.
9. Hamilton Place (north side) – 6 trees of varying size and species to be flagged by FPAB for preservation.
10. Hamilton Place (west side) – Establish 6' routine maintenance zone.
11. Although not specified in the FPAB report on Hamilton Place, the FPAB survey lists four (4) trees to be pruned but preserved along the east side of the gardens.
12. The FPAB recommends in all three reports that pesticide use by Public Works and gardeners in the routine maintenance area be prohibited.
13. The FPAB recommends that a permanent marker (at least 1 foot in height) be placed along the routine maintenance boundary so that Public Works and the community gardeners will know where that boundary line is located.

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club Executive Committee submitted email comments and several maps which reflect their position on establishment of routine maintenance zones around the community gardens. The GCGC comments/recommendations are summarized as follows:

1. GCGC generally agrees with establishment of an 8' routine maintenance zone, but does not believe the zone should be based on current exterior fencing. The GCGC position seeks to validate and include access corridors and areas outside the gardens subsequently termed "garden use areas" as formal garden areas.
2. GCGC disagrees with the FPAB's recommendation to establish "permanent garden boundaries" eight feet from the current exterior fencing.
3. GCGC has submitted maps that show "pedestrian and vehicle" access areas around the Gardenway gardens, along the sides of the Henry's Hollow gardens, and adjacent to the east, west and south sides of the Hamilton Place gardens.
4. GCGC's maps also show areas "... actively used outside of garden fences for composting and storage of materials". These are shown on the northeast side of Gardenway, at the south and northeast corner of Henry's Hollow, and at the southeast and southwest corners of Hamilton Place.

Analysis and Recommendations

The task placed before city staff by City Council at the September 30, 2013 worksession was to stake the boundaries of a proposed 8' routine maintenance zone around the community gardens. The proposal for designation of the maintenance zone is to clearly define the areas around the gardens that will be maintained on a regular basis. The proposed width of the routine maintenance zone at 8' was recommended by city staff for ease of maintenance, and to provide a clear margin to protect the community gardens from overgrowth from the surrounding forest. Lack of routine maintenance by the city over the past several years has compromised gardeners' access to and around the gardens. Further, the growth from the surrounding forest has resulted in over shading of some garden plots, compromising the productivity of the gardens.

The Management and Maintenance Guidelines, as approved by City Council in 2005, includes a contingency to protect the community gardens, recognizing that these gardens are an important component in Greenbelt's physical, social and cultural history. The guidelines include the following language: *"In order to maintain the physical area set aside for gardens, necessary pruning, removal of trees, and selective clearing by City employees will be permitted. However, such pruning or removal of vegetation will only be permitted to the extent necessary to maintain the limits of the gardens and to remove any canopy that obstructs the clearstory (sp) of the garden area"*.

It is staff's recommendation that a continuous routine maintenance zone/buffer be established around the Gardenway gardens, Henry's Hollow and Hamilton Place gardens. It is further recommended that this routine maintenance zone measure 8 feet in depth measured from the outer most garden fencing, except along the GHI boatyard fence, where the routine maintenance buffer will be 6 feet in depth. There should be no maintenance by the city within GHI property at the Gardenway gardens.

With respect to the recommendations of the FPAB, staff agrees that the large willow oak at the Gardenway gardens should be preserved. Staff does not support the FPAB recommendations to preserve other trees within the proposed maintenance area. The purpose of creating a routine maintenance area at the gardens is to provide space for maintenance operations by Public Works, and also to protect the gardens from forest encroachment. There is no scientific basis or recognized criteria used by FPAB to select trees worthy of protection versus trees that just happen to be growing near the gardens. The purpose of the routine maintenance zone is to clear this area from natural growth, in order to protect and provide for the continued viability of the gardens.

Staff also disagrees with the FPAB recommendation that the use of pesticides by the city staff and the community gardeners within the routine maintenance area should be prohibited. A policy on the use of pesticides in the

gardens and/or maintenance area should be established by the City Council within the larger discussion of the use of pesticides. The inclusion of this recommendation within the FPAB reports occurred without focused discussion on the topic. It should be clearly stated that gardeners/private citizens may not apply pesticides or herbicides to any area not within their designated garden plot.

The final point upon which staff disagrees with the FPAB reports relates to the recommendation to place permanent markers along the maintenance zone boundary, and that these markers be at least one foot in height. Staff agrees that placing permanent markers along the maintenance boundary is advisable; however staff does not believe that the markers should be one foot in height. Permanent markers are typically made of concrete with an iron pin that is relatively close to the ground. Such markers should be easy to find, but not obtrusive.

Staff also disagrees with several of the comments submitted by the GCGC. The GCGC maps show extensive access corridors to, through and around the gardens. In addition, there are areas designated by GCGC as garden use areas. These access corridors and garden use areas exist for the convenience of the gardeners.

With the exception of the extension of Hamilton Place leading to the Hamilton family cemetery, these access corridors have been established over time. The use of these areas for access and storage by the gardeners has been assumed, but never authorized by the City Council. Accordingly, staff recommends that it be stated in any final action by City Council on the garden maintenance boundaries that the GCGC map of current garden use areas and access corridors (undated) and attached to an email dated January 28, 2014 from Martha Tomecek, that the City Council's action does not accept or validate the presumptions and descriptions represented by the GCGC maps.

It is further staff's recommendation that the following issues be deferred for future discussion:

1. Boundaries of community gardens.
2. Area of extended maintenance (maintenance beyond 8' routine maintenance area) to address issues impacting the gardens.
3. Use of pesticides.
4. Status of GCGC designated access corridors and garden use areas.
5. Permitted and restricted use and activities at the community gardens.
6. Expansion of community gardens and/or establishment of new community gardens.

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FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No. 2013-03

SUBJECT: Proposed community garden boundaries – Gardenway gardens
DATE: November 27, 2013

BACKGROUND: In the September, 2013 work session between the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the City Council, city staff presented a conceptual proposal for future maintenance in and around the community gardens.

The staff proposal called for the establishment of an 8 foot wide cleared buffer around the community gardens, which would be the zone or area of routine city maintenance. The purpose of the routine maintenance buffer zone would be to maintain a clear area around the gardens for ease of edge maintenance, as well as to provide a clear zone to reduce shading of the gardens from surrounding forest growth.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has been asked to comment on the city staff proposal as presented to the City Council at the worksession of September 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION: In drafting the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines in 2005, the Board recognized the importance of the community gardens to the historic, social and cultural integrity of Greenbelt. As the gardens are within the areas designated by city code as forest preserve, the guidelines were written to recognize the gardens, and to provide for the maintenance of the gardens by providing for clearing of trees and tree limbs within and above the gardens.

Since the time the Management and Maintenance Guidelines were adopted, interpretation and application of the provisions of the Section 11 contingency for the gardens has been difficult, because the guidelines do not address managing the garden/forest preserve edge. Trees that are outside the gardens, but do not overhang the gardens, can cause shading that compromises the utility and productivity of the garden plot. Over time, some garden plots have gone fallow due, in part, to excess shading. In addition, the incident in late 2012 during which there was unauthorized clearing near the gardens, demonstrates that flexible interpretation of the forest preserve regulations and guidelines is not acceptable. This relationship between the garden/forest edge needs to be clarified to ensure balanced and consistent maintenance of each to the other.

In an effort to determine the extent of tree and groundcover growth into, around and over gardens, city staff, FPAB members, and Greenbelt Community Gardens members walked the boundaries of all the gardens. Specific areas of

concern were identified by garden club members. Following that field survey, city staff developed its proposal for garden boundary maintenance, and this was discussed at the September 2013 Council/FPAB work session.

City staff was directed to place stakes and flags around the gardens showing the general dimensions of the proposed routine maintenance boundaries. City staff has proposed an 8 foot buffer zone as it is contemplated the equipment used by staff to clear the buffer area would have an 8 foot path.

After city staff completed staking the proposed 8 foot buffer area, the FPAB walked and inspected the limits of the proposed cleared area. While the FPAB recognized the need for maintaining a cleared buffer of 8 feet in some areas. However, in other areas adjacent to community gardens, the FPAB believes the buffer zone requirements might be flexible.

In its survey around the Gardenway gardens, it was clear to the FPAB that the Gardenway gardens are in the greatest immediate need of maintenance in and around the gardens. Recognizing that the buffer zone dimensions for routine maintenance may differ between garden areas, it is the FPAB's belief that the discussion of specific maintenance zones, or special maintenance needs should continue based on each garden area.

There are already existing buffer areas around the Gardenway gardens. In addition, there are trees growing immediately adjacent to garden boundaries, and there are some gardens where trees are growing and should be removed. There is an area along the northern edge where these gardens encroach into GHI property. There should be no city maintenance on GHI land unless there is an agreement between the city and GHI. On the southeast edge of the Gardenway gardens there is a large Willow Oak tree within the 8 foot maintenance buffer. This is a healthy tree of significant size. It should not be removed as part of the 8 foot Gardenway maintenance buffer. In addition, there are other significant trees within the proposed 8 foot maintenance buffer that should not be removed, and will be designated by the FPAB.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board believes that the routine maintenance buffer around the Gardenway gardens, is clear, and the Board is prepared to make a recommendation. However, the width and extent of any proposed maintenance buffer around the community gardens at Hamilton Place or in Henry's Hollow is less clear, and requires greater study and consideration by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board recommends as follows: *"...That Public Works begin the tree trimming and clearing within the staked areas at Gardenway gardens. Staked areas are defined as the area starting at the gardener's fence line and measuring out eight (8) feet. Public Works have placed a wooden stake at the 8 foot point. It is recommended that a*

permanent marker such as a concrete pipe be placed at this point so that both Public Works and community gardeners know exactly where this point is located. It is recommended that this 8 foot point where the stake has been placed (and later a concrete pipe should one be placed) be called the permanent boundary point for the gardens at Gardenway. No gardens shall allowed beyond this point. No gardener shall be allowed to do anything beyond this point including the cutting of trees, trimming of vegetation or spraying of pesticides. In addition the entire staked area as defined will be maintained by the city and is not to be maintained by any other entity. It is recommended that an 8 foot wide area be cleared of trees and other vegetation around all of the Gardenway gardens with the following exceptions:

- 1. There is an area of the gardens which borders/encroaches into GHI property, and that area should be left undisturbed for GHI to attend to.*
- 2. There are a few trees that should not be removed within this 8 foot area. These trees will be marked by the FPAB prior to Public Works undertaking its clearing. There is also a Willow oak (diameter 24") located on the southeast corner of the Gardenway gardens which had been flagged by Public Works and should be saved.*
- 3. An established Sweet gum tree (diameter, 15") located at northeast corner of larger garden plots at Gardenway should be preserved because of its location, as it is 8 feet out from the northeast corner fence line and provides no significant shade of the garden plots and does not hinder access to maintaining the garden fences.*

Public Works should also remove any trees growing within gardens and along the fence lines (as referred to as routine maintenance as set forth in the Management and Maintenance Guidelines) and free access within the gardens will be permitted by the gardeners for the removal of these trees.

Since the best time to prune large trees is in the late winter, it is recommended that the cutting of the upper portions of the trees (whose trunks are within the preserve but upper branches are leaning over the gardens) be scheduled in late January or February; and that such limbs and branches be pruned or trimmed consistent with the ANSI 300 standard.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Robert Snyder, Chair

The report was approved by a vote of 6-2.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No. 2013-04

SUBJECT: Proposed community garden boundaries – Henry's Hollow gardens
DATE: December 19, 2013

BACKGROUND: In the September, 2013 work session between the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the City Council, city staff presented a conceptual proposal for future maintenance in and around the community gardens.

The staff proposal called for the establishment of an 8 foot wide cleared buffer around the community gardens, which would be the zone or area of routine city maintenance. The purpose of the routine maintenance buffer zone would be to maintain a clear area around the gardens for ease of edge maintenance, as well as to provide a clear zone to reduce shading of the gardens from surrounding forest growth.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has been asked to comment on the city staff proposal as presented to the City Council at the worksession of September 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION: In drafting the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines in 2005, the Board recognized the importance of the community gardens to the historic, social and cultural integrity of Greenbelt. As the gardens are within the areas designated by city code as forest preserve, the guidelines were written to recognize the gardens, and to provide for the maintenance of the gardens by providing for clearing of trees and tree limbs within and above the gardens.

Since the time the Management and Maintenance Guidelines were adopted, interpretation and application of the provisions of the Section 11 contingency for the gardens has been difficult, because the guidelines do not address managing the garden/forest preserve edge. Trees that are outside the gardens, but do not overhang the gardens, can cause shading that compromises the utility and productivity of the garden plot. Over time, some garden plots have gone fallow due, in part, to excess shading. In addition, the incident in late 2012 during which there was unauthorized clearing near the gardens, demonstrates that flexible interpretation of the forest preserve regulations and guidelines is not acceptable. This relationship between the garden/forest edge needs to be clarified to ensure balanced and consistent maintenance of each to the other.

In an effort to determine the extent of tree and groundcover growth into, around and over gardens, city staff, FPAB members, and Greenbelt Community Gardens members walked the boundaries of all the gardens. Specific areas of

concern were identified by garden club members. Following that field survey, city staff developed its proposal for garden boundary maintenance, and this was discussed at the September 2013 Council/FPAB work session.

City staff was directed to place stakes and flags around the gardens showing the general dimensions of the proposed routine maintenance boundaries. City staff has proposed an 8 foot buffer zone as it is contemplated the equipment used by staff to clear the buffer area would have an 8 foot path.

After city staff completed staking the proposed 8 foot buffer area, the FPAB walked and inspected the limits of the proposed cleared area. While the FPAB recognized the need for maintaining a cleared buffer of 8 feet in some areas, in other areas adjacent to community gardens, the FPAB believes the buffer zone recommendations should be modified from the proposed 8 foot depth.

Recognizing that the buffer zone dimensions for routine maintenance may differ between garden areas, it is the FPAB's belief that the discussion of specific maintenance zones, or special maintenance needs should continue based on each garden area. The FPAB has submitted its recommendation for a maintenance zone around the Gardenway gardens in FPAB Report. No 2013-03.

RECOMMENDATION: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board recommends as follows: *"(T) hat Public Works begin the tree trimming and clearing within the 8 foot staked areas of Henry's Hollow community gardens. The staked areas are defined as the perimeter areas outside of the gardens starting at the gardener's fence line and measuring out eight (8) feet.*

It is recommended that a permanent marker (at least 1 foot in height) be placed at this 8 ft. line so that both Public Works and the community gardeners know exactly where this boundary line is located. The entire staked area is NOT to be considered additional garden area and the application of pesticides is prohibited in this area by both gardeners and Public Works staff. This 8 foot buffer area is to be maintained by the city and is not to be maintained by any other entity.*

This 8 foot area is to be cleared of trees and other vegetation all around the perimeter of Henry's Hollow with the following three (3) exceptions:

*1.) The **north side of the smaller rectangle** of garden plots (east of the larger gardens) has two trees (to be flagged by FPAB) within this 8 foot buffer which should not be removed as they would not hinder access to the garden fence lines for maintenance and present no shade issues here. Trees should be trimmed/pruned to*

garden plot fence lines to eliminate overhanging branches. (Public Works should advise on proper pruning techniques of these overhanging branches). The under story is to be cleared here.

*2.) The **north side of the larger rectangle** (fronts GHI admin.) of garden plots: there are several larger established trees that should not be removed which are within the 8 foot staked area as they would not impede access to the garden plot fence lines here. These trees will be flagged by the FPAB prior to Public Works undertaking the clearing. Trees should be trimmed/pruned to garden plot fence lines to eliminate overhanging branches. (Public Works should advise on proper pruning techniques of these overhanging branches). The under story is to be cleared here.*

*3.) Along **east side of larger rectangle** of garden plots there are several larger established trees that should not be removed which are within the 8 foot staked area as they would not impede access to the garden plot fence lines here. These trees will be flagged by the FPAB prior to Public Works undertaking the clearing. Trees should be trimmed/pruned back to the 8 ft. line to reduce morning shade of garden plots. The under story is to be cleared here.*

Public Works should remove any trees growing within the garden plots and that are growing along the fence lines (as referred to under routine maintenance as set forth in the cities Management & Maintenance Guidelines) and access within the gardens will be permitted by the gardeners for removal of these trees.

NOTE: The wooded area between the two rectangular garden areas of Henry's Hollow which is approx. 30 to 40 feet in width and runs the length of the gardens is not to be disturbed, maintained or altered.

** Recommended, as it will mark a clear boundary mark. It needs to be visible and easy to locate.*

Since the best time to prune large trees is in the late winter, it is recommended that the cutting of the upper portions of the trees (whose trunks are within the preserve but upper branches are leaning over the gardens) be scheduled in late January or February; and that such limbs and branches be pruned or trimmed consistent with the ANSI 300 standard.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Robert Snyder, Chairman

The report was approved by a vote of 5-4.

Attachment:

Henry's Hollow tree survey of 8 foot area (buffer)

Sunday Nov. 10th FPAB walk-around of com. gardens at Henry's Hollow.

Informal survey of trees impacted within the 8 foot (staked) zone/boundaries, from garden fence lines out to 8 feet and within the Forest Preserve:

Henry's Hollow Gardens:

Larger rectangular garden area:

North side*: (facing GHI admin.)

Trees: 4 Sweet gums: 3", 4", 4", 5" dia.
3 oak trees: 6", 8", 10" dia.
4 maple trees: 3", 4", 10" and 12" dia.
1 hickory or elm (?) tree: 12" dia.

**Note:* Since these trees (above) on north side do not create a shade problem or access to fence they should NOT be cut or removed. Recommend that the branches which overhang the gardens be trimmed or pruned back some.

Several small (1"- 2" dia. seedlings) growing on fence line should be removed.
A few dead trees (still standing) within the 8 ft. zone should be removed.

East side:

Cut and clear briars and undergrowth within the 8 ft. zone to provide access to maintenance of garden fences here.

About one dozen trees are within the 8 ft. zone on this east side garden border. The smaller trees that are 6" in diameter and less can be removed here. There are several more larger established trees which are larger than 6" in dia. that can have their branches that overhang the gardens trimmed. These larger trees do not need to be removed as they have no lower branches which would hinder access to maintenance of the garden fences.

Note: Southeast corner: There are two large established 14"- 18" dia. oak trees on or just within the 8 ft. line. These are NOT to be removed as they do not interfere with access to garden fences. Their branches that overhang the gardens may be trimmed or pruned.

South side:

This south side is free of trees within the 8 ft. staked zone. There are briars, bushes, vines and tall grasses that should be cleared and maintained to provide access to the garden fence lines here.

West side:

This west side is free of trees within the 8 ft. staked zone. There are some briars and bushes that are to be removed to provide access to garden fence lines.

Note: some garden debris and old wooden fencing materials dumped here ~ to be removed.

Henry's Hollow Gardens:

Smaller rectangular garden area: (east of the larger garden area)

North side: (facing GHI admin.)

Trees: This 8 ft. zone contains only two trees (10" and 14" dia.) that are NOT to be cut. The north side does not present any shade issues with the garden plots. The branches that overhang the gardens may be trimmed. A few briars and brush can be cleared to provide access to garden fence lines within the 8ft. zone.

East side: This 8 ft. staked zone is clear of any trees or vegetation.

South side: This 8 ft. staked zone is clear of any trees. There are briars, tall weeds and undergrowth that should be cleared along this southside.

West side: This 8 ft. staked zone is clear of any trees. There are some briars and bushes that should be removed in the back (south end) of this west side border within the 8 ft. zone.

There are wooden lattice debris, carpeting and a metal screen door that need to be removed here.

NOTE: The wooded area between the two rectangular garden areas of Henry's Hollow which is approx. 40 to 50 feet in width and runs the length of the gardens is NOT to be disturbed, maintained, or altered.

Submitted: 12/03/13, FPAB

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No. 2013-05

SUBJECT: Proposed community garden boundaries – Hamilton Place gardens
DATE: December 19, 2013

BACKGROUND: In the September, 2013 work session between the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the City Council, city staff presented a conceptual proposal for future maintenance in and around the community gardens.

The staff proposal called for the establishment of an 8 foot wide cleared buffer around the community gardens, which would be the zone or area of routine city maintenance. The purpose of the routine maintenance buffer zone would be to maintain a clear area around the gardens for ease of edge maintenance, as well as to provide a clear zone to reduce shading of the gardens from surrounding forest growth.

The Forest Preserve Advisory Board has been asked to comment on the city staff proposal as presented to the City Council at the worksession of September 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION: In drafting the Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines in 2005, the Board recognized the importance of the community gardens to the historic, social and cultural integrity of Greenbelt. As the gardens are within the areas designated by city code as forest preserve, the guidelines were written to recognize the gardens, and to provide for the maintenance of the gardens by providing for clearing of trees and tree limbs within and above the gardens.

Since the time the Management and Maintenance Guidelines were adopted, interpretation and application of the provisions of the Section 11 contingency for the gardens has been difficult, because the guidelines do not address managing the garden/forest preserve edge. Trees that are outside the gardens, but do not overhang the gardens, can cause shading that compromises the utility and productivity of the garden plot. Over time, some garden plots have gone fallow due, in part, to excess shading. In addition, the incident in late 2012 during which there was unauthorized clearing near the gardens, demonstrates that flexible interpretation of the forest preserve regulations and guidelines is not acceptable. This relationship between the garden/forest edge needs to be clarified to ensure balanced and consistent maintenance of each to the other.

In an effort to determine the extent of tree and groundcover growth into, around and over gardens, city staff, FPAB members, and Greenbelt Community Gardens members walked the boundaries of all the gardens. Specific areas of

concern were identified by garden club members. Following that field survey, city staff developed its proposal for garden boundary maintenance, and this was discussed at the September 2013 Council/FPAB work session.

City staff was directed to place stakes and flags around the gardens showing the general dimensions of the proposed routine maintenance boundaries. City staff has proposed an 8 foot buffer zone as it is contemplated the equipment used by staff to clear the buffer area would have an 8 foot path.

After city staff completed staking the proposed 8 foot buffer area, the FPAB walked and inspected the limits of the proposed cleared area. While the FPAB recognized the need for maintaining a cleared buffer of 8 feet in some areas, in other areas adjacent to community gardens, the FPAB believes the buffer zone recommendations should be modified from the proposed 8 foot depth.

Recognizing that the buffer zone dimensions for routine maintenance may differ between garden areas, it is the FPAB's belief that the discussion of specific maintenance zones, or special maintenance needs should continue based on each garden area. The FPAB has submitted its recommendation for a maintenance zone around the Gardenway gardens in FPAB Report. No 2013-03.

RECOMMENDATION: The Forest Preserve Advisory Board recommends as follows: *"(T)hat Public Works begin the tree trimming and clearing within the 8 foot staked areas of Hamilton Place community gardens. The staked areas are defined as the perimeter areas outside of the gardens starting at the gardener's fence line and measuring out eight (8) feet.*

It is recommended that a permanent marker (at least 1 foot in height) be placed at the 8 ft. buffer lines so that both Public Works and the community gardeners know exactly where this boundary line is located. The entire staked area is NOT to be considered additional garden area and the application of pesticides is prohibited in this area by both gardeners and Public Works staff. This 8 foot buffer area is to be maintained by the city and is not to be maintained by any other entity.*

This 8 foot area is to be cleared of trees and other vegetation all around the perimeter of Hamilton Place gardens with the following two (2) exceptions:

- 1.) The north side of garden plots has an established Sweet gum tree (11" dia.) within this 8 foot buffer area which does not need to be removed (and several trees in the 3" to 5" dia. range); these would not hinder access to the garden fence lines for maintenance and does not shade the garden plots here. These trees will be flagged by the FPAB prior to Public Works undertaking the clearing. Trees should be trimmed/pruned to garden plot fence lines to eliminate*

overhanging branches. (Public Works should advise on proper pruning techniques of these overhanging branches). The under story is to be cleared here.

2.) The west side of garden plots, adjacent to GHI boat/RV storage lot, (though staked at 8 feet) should be re-staked at 6 feet out from garden plots fence lines to provide access to maintain the garden fence lines. Containing no trees, there are no shade issues pertaining to the garden plots. This area is approx. 16 to 18 feet wide (and 100 feet long) and is underbrush, tall grasses, wild flowers, native blackberry, and is a habitat for rabbits, birds, American box turtles, bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Existing stakes at 8 ft. should be re-positioned to 6 ft. from the garden plots fence line here.

Trees will not be permitted to flourish in this wildlife habitat area (above) and Public Works should remove any tree seedlings as part of the routine maintenance, however, no other vegetation should be disturbed in this area. This area had been undisturbed for many years prior to the unauthorized clearing in Nov., 2012. It is an important area for wildlife habitat, particularly migrating birds and American box turtles which are in decline. The Forest Preserve guidelines (page 6) state, "The primary goal of these guidelines is the preservation of the Forest Preserve wooded areas and the wildlife habitats within its boundaries."

Furthermore the Forest Preserve Greenbelt city code states, "Natural resources within a Forest Preserve area are considered protected and may not be harmed... Resources of the forest preserve area shall include all forms and species of wildlife,..." [Sec. 12-157]

The FPAB recommends that this wildlife habitat be protected, therefore it is recommended that a 6 foot buffer area be cleared along the gardens fence line.

Public Works should remove any trees growing within the garden plots and that are growing along the fence lines (as referred to under routine maintenance as set forth in the city's Management & Maintenance Guidelines) and access within the gardens will be permitted by the gardeners for removal of these trees.

* Recommended, as it will mark a clear boundary mark. It needs to be visible and easy to locate.

Since the best time to prune large trees is in the late winter, it is recommended that the cutting of the upper portions of the trees (whose trunks are within the preserve but upper branches are leaning over the gardens) be scheduled in late January or February; and that such limbs and branches be pruned or trimmed consistent with the ANSI 300 standard.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Robert Snyder, Chairman

The report was approved by a vote of 5-4.

Attachment:

Hamilton Place tree survey of 8 foot area (buffer)

Sunday Nov. 10th FPAB walk-around of com. gardens at Hamilton.

Informal survey of trees impacted within 8 foot (staked) boundary, from garden fence lines out to 8 feet within the Forest Preserve:

Hamilton Gardens:

North side: walking/survey began northwest corner (bamboo area) to northeast corner:

<u>TREE:</u>	<u>Diameter:</u>
Pear tree	2.5" dia.
sweet gums	2.0", 3.0", 11.0" (near Charles's plot)
tree (type?)	4.5"
Willow oak	3.0"

East side: more open grassy area; followed (south) by tangle of briars and underbrush.

Note: several leaning trees (outside the 8' staked border) leaning out over gardens. Suggest pruning these (not removal).

Oak trees	3.0", 4.0"
Elm or mulberry (?)	2.0", 2.5"

South side: several large oak trees (one damaged crown), uncertain as to whether these were on the 8' staked line or outside on FP side. Tangle of vines, briars, brush near or on the 8 ft. line.

Note: will re-survey this area again. Several trees over 3" in dia. ~ unable to identify due to seasonal loss of foliage.

West side: borders gravel access road and cleared area adjacent to road (southwest side)
No substantial trees (over 2" dia.) within this west side gardens border.

The more prominent west side is the area between the garden plots and the GHI boat/RV storage lot fence line: This area is approx. 16' to 18' wide (and 100 feet long) and with the exception a few tree seedlings, (maple & sweet gum) is underbrush, weeds, tall grasses, wild flowers and provides a needed habitat for birds, rabbits, box turtles, bees, butterflies and other pollinators'.

Here, we recommend this proposed 8 ft. border staked area NOT be cut or cleared. Clearing here would not address a sun/shade issue for the adjacent garden plots. This area provides a home to flora & fauna (see above). However, there is a short area along the fence line (40 feet in length) where this underbrush could be cleared 4 ft. out from the garden fence line and maintained as a clearing for access (and path) to the garden plot fences here. This small 40 foot area could be maintained by city public works or the FPAB as a service project. Existing stakes at 8 ft. to be re-positioned to 4 ft. from garden plots fence line.

Submitted: R.S., 11/19/2013

Sunday Nov. 17th FPAB walk-around of com. gardens at Gardenway.

Informal survey of trees impacted within 8 foot (staked) boundary, from garden fence lines out to 8 feet within the Forest Preserve: (walk was clockwise around the two garden areas here)

Gardenway Gardens: one larger rectangle of plots; smaller rectangle of plots SSE of larger gardens.

LARGER GARDEN AREA:

East side: open grassy area and paved walk-way towards BW Pkwy. There is an large established Sweet gum tree (15" dia.) on northeast corner of gardens on the 8 foot line which should NOT be removed. FPAB will flag for preservation. This tree does not provide shade over the gardens and would not impede access to the garden plots fence lines.

South side: open (narrow unpaved road). No trees within 8 ft. area

West side:

<u>TREE:</u>	<u>Diameter:</u>
Mulberry	3.5" (orange tape around)

Note: relatively open, grassy area.

North side: *Note:* lightly wooded area and northwest corner area involving GHI property.

Sweet gum	16" dia.
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Mulberry	3"
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SMALLER GARDEN AREA:

East side: some briars and brambles (need clearing within the 8 ft.)

Two small Sweet gum trees: 2.5", 3"

Mulberry	3"
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South side:

Beautiful large willow oak 26" dia. ~ FPAB will flag for preservation.

West side: no trees within 8 ft. area, briars and brambles along fence side (need clearing within 8 ft.)

North side: no substantial trees within 8 ft. area, except several small seedlings less than 2" dia.

Note: area of several trees growing on fence lines here (recommend removal).

Submitted: R.S., 11/21/2013

Proposal to change Joe Murray's Conflict of Interest Status on the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board FPAB.

History: Joe Murray was asked to resign or recuse himself from any discussion from the FPAB involving a 501 (c) 3 non-profit called Ancestral Knowledge or AK. This is a non-profit which I helped found and work for. The reasons I was given for this are as follows.

- 1) I was creating fires in the Forest Preserve which of course is against the rules.
- 2) I was teaching and doing trail maintenance in the woods.
- 3) I was cutting down trees in the woods.
- 4) I cannot remember.

Statements one to four were made up about me and did not have a shred of truth to them. When I told Celia Craze this she answered not an exact quote but close, "Joe after being told this and looking at your website AK you can see why we believed this." And yes if someone made up a bunch of stuff about someone else in the same situation and I checked the AK website I could totally believe it. However it is not true and never was. The other three reasons had a little truth to them.

- 5) There was another reason that was not really accurate either but I cannot remember it.
- 6) I worked for AK and was using my position on the FPAB to advance AK interests. Note: Things have been for the past few years exceptionally bad for me at AK. The CEO tried repeatedly to stop me from doing programs in Greenbelt. Not wishing to divulge negative actions of AK's CEO on paper I will use one example to demonstrate how bad things became. For a while I got acid reflux sometimes when I started to put on the AK T-shirts. I am currently trying to resolve the conflicts with that company. Having a new President to the board has helped tremendously. So for the last 5 years I have only stuck it out with AK to help the children and our environment. Right now things are tolerable. So yes I work for AK but I have not done anything on the FPAB to advance their interests.
- 7) The last reason was that I have a financial conflict of interest working for AK. In the past I worked 3 or 4 days for AK. I can work 5 but like to do some construction because it paid better and because I get burned out teaching 5 days a week. It does not matter where I do nature education. I still get a really small paycheck and no benefits. I can be in White Marsh Park or Greenbelt Forest Preserve. I still make the same amount of money. Being in Greenbelt does not give me a penny more. Lastly for full financial disclosure: Two people known to the council Kevin Kennedy and John Anna in the last 8 years have offered to give me jobs paying more than twice what I make now with benefits. I also turned down a job interview which I was asked to do by a blimp company called Light Ship Enterprises which paid a little over 100k a year plus 2 months paid vacation to fly their blimps. In hind sight maybe I should have done it, but last year I made more money than I ever had at 24k. This year will be much less. For a

long time it was 16k or 18k counting side work. Construction was the only reason those numbers were so high. I will be honest with you paying a mortgage, student loans and bills on that pay is very hard.

My point is this I am doing this type of nature education because our children and ecosystems really need it. Not for the money. Some people do service work after they bring home a paycheck. I do service work all day long 3-4 days a week. It is fulfilling work but does not pay well. So my point is I do not have a financial conflict of interest.

Last note: I would have resigned when asked to if I had been treated well. There were FPAB board members and others that made a whispering campaign against me and AK. Much of it was premeditated and made up. I thought by agreeing to the conflict of interest it would calm them down. This happened some but not enough. The pre meditated disinformation about me and AK continued.

Also many people on the FPAB board said many things that were inaccurate about me and AK. However this was ok, because since I had a conflict of interest I was not allowed to correct their mistakes .However listening to incorrect information about me or AK was pretty frustrating for me. So the FPAB board acted on information that was inaccurate.

My solution to the conflict of interest problem is I do not have a conflict of interest and I can say what I want. I do think it is appropriate for me to abstain from voting on direct AK issues: Such as if AK made another request to use the Forest Preserve or if AK asked for an exception from the current Forest Preserve guidelines. I am open to questions anytime. I hope this helps and thank you for your time.

Joe

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-7-2014

Proposed by Council Members Olson, Lehman, and Turner

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 18, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County Science and Technology District

3 For the purpose of establishing a Prince George's County Science and Technology Business
4 District.

5 WHEREAS, Prince George's County is uniquely situated to attract and promote the
6 technology, life sciences, and biosciences industries with its strong federal research and
7 academic presence, with the University of Maryland at College Park, the M Square Research
8 Park, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the NASA – Goddard facility in Greenbelt, the
9 U.S. Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, and the planned Howard University Research Park
10 in Beltsville; and

11 WHEREAS, a recent study of ten (10) United States life science clusters found that the co-
12 location of research facilities and technology assets can bring significant benefits in terms of
13 public and private sector job opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, the County commissioned an economic feasibility study for a biotechnology
15 research and development center in Prince George's County, finding in its 2009 report that the
16 County's existing research and innovation corridor and concentration of research activity in the
17 area offer near-term growth and economic development for bioscience industry growth; and

18 WHEREAS, the location of science and technology industry facilities in proximity to
19 higher education institutions, to include Bowie State University, Prince George's Community
20 College, Capitol College, and the University of Maryland, further enhance local opportunities to
21 spark student interest in and preparation for science and technology careers; and
22

1 WHEREAS, investment in science and technology opportunities will provide Prince
2 Georgians with well-paying jobs, an increased tax base to bolster the County education system,
3 public services, and public infrastructure, as well as enhance health care for County residents;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the County Council is committed to facilitate and support the growth of high-
6 tech and bioscience businesses in the County in an effort to enhance the environment for
7 entrepreneurship and the creation of new companies; and

8 WHEREAS, innovation in science and technology at the University of Maryland is creating
9 dozens of new businesses each year, yet only a fraction of these businesses remain in Prince
10 George's County.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
12 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Science and Technology District ("District")
13 is hereby created.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall be composed of the greater Beltsville,
15 College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, and Greenbelt geographic areas within the following
16 U.S. Postal Service zip codes: 20705, 20740, 20742, 20737, 20770, 20771, and the portion of
17 20706 that is north of MD Route 564.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in an effort to promote opportunities in Science and
19 Technology, it is the intent of the County Council to enact enabling legislation to create a
20 specific Prince George's County Science and Technology investment tax credit.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the further intention of the Council to work with
22 the Maryland General Assembly House and Senate Delegations to pursue legislation to make the
23 State's research and development tax credit permanent, as well as refundable or transferable, in
24 an effort to support emergent businesses in the life sciences and high technology fields.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Council, in partnership with
26 the Prince George's Planning Department, to provide an expedited review and approval process
27 for qualified science and technology projects within the District.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the County Council, to pursue the
29 full range of public economic incentives for facilities, equipment, and related infrastructure
30 necessary to support science and technology development within the District.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the County Council, in partnership

1 with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to promote the Prince
2 George's County Science and Technology District.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that potentially qualified businesses in the technology,
4 science, and biotech industries are strongly encouraged to apply for economic development
5 funding through the Prince George's County Economic Development Incentive ("EDI") Fund.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that economic incentives can be added to this District in the
7 future.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that potentially qualified businesses in the technology,
9 science, and biotech industries are strongly encouraged to make application for certain existing
10 tax credits, to include a phased Personal Property tax exemption for research and development in
11 accordance with Section 10-235.04 of the Prince George's County Code, and a phased Real
12 Property tax credit for research and development in accordance with Section 10-235.05 of the
13 Prince George's County Code.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
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Clerk of the Council

Michael McLaughlin

From: Olson, Eric <EOlson@co.pg.md.us>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 6:19 PM
To: Michael McLaughlin
Cc: David Moran; Turner, Ingrid M.; Bumbry, Tomeka C.; Ed Putens (FDA); Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Judith Davis; Konrad Herling; Leta Mach; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope; Glaros, Dannielle M.
Subject: Re: Science & Technology District Resolution

Thank you. It looks like it will be referred to the pzed committee, so there will be an opportunity for the city to weigh in at the pzed committee.

Thank you,
Eric

On Feb 14, 2014, at 5:37 PM, "Michael McLaughlin"
<mmclaughlin@greenbeltmd.gov<mailto:mmclaughlin@greenbeltmd.gov>> wrote:

Mr. Olson,

The Greenbelt City Council is quite excited about your Science & Technology District initiative and would like to communicate its support in some way. Would any action at this time be appropriate?

Thanks
Mike

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AND YOUTUBE<https://plus.google.com/112990467472199687075/videos?hl=en>.

From: Putens, Edward V [mailto:Edward.Putens@fda.hhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Leta Mach; Michael McLaughlin; Judith Davis; Celia Craze; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Konrad Herling; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
Subject: RE: Science & Technology District Resolution

Ditto!

From: Leta Mach [mailto:lmach@greenbeltmd.gov]<mailto:[mailto:lmach@greenbeltmd.gov]>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 3:54 PM

To: Michael McLaughlin; Judith Davis; Celia Craze; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Putens, Edward V; Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Konrad Herling; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
Subject: RE: Science & Technology District Resolution

?Yes, a "good idea" would be a good idea.

Leta

From: Michael McLaughlin

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 2:56 PM

To: Judith Davis; Celia Craze; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Ed Putens (FDA); Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Konrad Herling; Leta Mach; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
Subject: RE: Science & Technology District Resolution

This notice came in yesterday. As Council member Olson notes in his message, he is just giving a heads up and is not looking for support at this time. But I am sure he would appreciate a good idea email.

Mike

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From: Judith Davis

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 2:46 PM

To: Michael McLaughlin; Celia Craze; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Ed Putens (FDA); Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Konrad Herling; Leta Mach; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
Subject: RE: Science & Technology District Resolution

After reading this more closely, I feel Council should support the resolution and follow it very closely. Establishing such a Sci. and Tech. District might add another feather in our cap to attract the FBI Building. Did Councilwomen Turner and Lehman inform us of this resolution which they co-sponsored? Perhaps we should thank all three for taking this positive action.

The hour was rather late when we discussed legislation. Did we actually take any formal action on this resolution or did we adopt a wait and see position? I apologize if this slipped by me.

J

From: Michael McLaughlin
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 5:16 PM
To: Celia Craze; Terri Hruby; David Moran; Ed Putens (FDA); Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Judith Davis; Konrad Herling; Leta Mach; Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
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Subject: FW: Science & Technology District Resolution

Council fyi please see below from County Council member Olson.

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Cc: Lehman, Mary A.; Turner, Ingrid M.; Glaros, Dannielle M.
Subject: Science & Technology District Resolution

Friends,

I wanted to share this County Council Resolution with you. I am joined by Council Members Turner and Lehman in offering it, and it will be on Tuesday, February 18th s County Council agenda. There is

generally not public comment on Council Resolutions, so I m not asking for testimony, but simply wanted to make you aware of this legislation. The resolution will establish a Prince George s County Science and Technology District in the Beltsville, College Park, Riverdale, Riverdale Park, and Greenbelt areas.

Over the years, we have all discussed the need to attract and retain more science, biotechnology, and technology businesses to Prince George s. This geographic area includes incredible research institutions including the University of Maryland, M Square Research Park, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, NASA Goddard, and the planned Howard University Research Campus in Beltsville. We know that many businesses grow out of the research at the University of Maryland, yet few remain in the county for long. We hope to change this.

Establishing a Science and Technology District like this will help us to brand the area and market it to companies established and start-ups alike. While the resolution does not provide tax breaks at this point, it provides a framework for developing those tax breaks in the future, as well as streamlining of development review for such businesses coming to this district. In addition, it encourages science and technology businesses to apply for our economic incentives. This legislation essentially sets a process in motion for us to focus more on this geographic area as a unified district for such investment in science and technology jobs.

I look forward to working with you as we move forward with attracting more science and technology investment in our area.

Thank you,
Eric

PS: Mayors and City Managers, please share with your Councils.

From: Zavakos, Karen T.
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:46 PM
To: Olson, Eric; Glaros, Dannielle M.
Subject: Resolution-Zoning-CD-12-2014.ECO.SciD.FIN.020714.ktz

The final version as promised.

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David Moran

From: John Mason <john.cabcraft@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:54 AM
To: David Moran
Subject: Support Community Renewable Energy Legislation

Mr. Moran,

A group of Greenbelters have again been working on Community Renewable Energy legislation (3rd year) and we again ask for the Greenbelt City Council to support this legislation. Bills: SB-786 & HB-1192

You can find the bills at:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>

SB 786: Community Renewable Energy

Sponsor: Senator Ramirez

Committee Hearing: March 4, 1 p.m.

SUPPORT

This legislation will broaden access to clean energy for renters and others who aren't able to tap into solar and other clean sources at their own homes. Marylanders could pool their resources to participate in these projects through a variety of financing options.

HB 1192: Community Renewable Energy

Sponsor: Delegate Hucker

Committee Hearing: March 6, 1 p.m.

SUPPORT

This legislation will broaden access to clean energy for renters and others who aren't able to tap into solar and other clean sources at their own homes. Marylanders could pool their resources to participate in these projects through a variety of financing options.

Thank you,

John Mason

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COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM (SB 786/HB 1192)



WHAT IS COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY?

Community Renewable Energy (CRE) is electric energy generated from renewable sources such as solar, wind, and moving water. CRE generating systems are flexible and locally-scaled. They can be designed to suit a variety of environments and may take many forms such as a solar panel installation on the roof of an apartment building or church, a installation of small-scale wind turbines or a 'micro-hydro' facility in a small stream or creek. Under the terms of this bill, Maryland residents, community organizations, businesses, and others will be able to subscribe to or invest in a CRE generating system. This legislation will make it possible for Marylanders who might otherwise be excluded from the renewable energy market—such as low-income individuals, renters, and those with properties unsuitable for renewable energy development—to pool their resources and benefit from the production of clean, locally-produced electricity.



HOW IT WORKS

- 1) Electricity customers subscribe to or purchase shares in a Community Renewable Energy generating system
- 2) Electricity is generated by the system is transmitted to the grid
- 3) CRE members receive a credit on their utility bill for their share of the electricity produced by the system. That's a lot of people who can now afford clean, renewable energy!

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MARYLANDERS

- Creates opportunities for all Maryland residents to benefit from renewable energy.
- Allows low-income citizens, renters, and those who are unable to install renewable energy on their own homes or businesses to now participate
- Creates local green jobs
- Increases energy production during peak demand periods when electricity is most needed
- Contributes to the US goal of energy independence
- Contributes to Maryland's goal of proving a cleaner and safer environment for all Marylanders

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Talya Tavor with Environment Maryland at talya@environmentmaryland.org, go to our website: <http://tinyurl.com/MDCRE2014> or join MD-Sun, md-sun@googlegroups.com, to find out up-to-date developments on renewable energy and this bill.

KEY PROVISIONS OF SB 786/HB 1192 Electricity - Community Renewable Energy Generating System - Pilot Program

- This legislation establishes a multi-year pilot program for the development of Community Renewable Energy Generating Systems.
- A "Community Renewable Energy Generating System" or "CREGS" is defined as a renewable energy system that generates electricity from animal-manure anaerobic digestion gas, biomass, biogas, solar, wind, moving water, or hydrogen reformed with renewable energy.
- A CREGS must be located within the state of Maryland.
- A CREGS may be no larger than two megawatts and must have at least 2 subscribers.
- All Subscribers to a CREGS must be customers of the same utility in which the CREGS is located.
- If a Subscriber to a CREGS ceases to be a customer within the distribution service territory, the subscriber must transfer or assign their subscription back to their Subscriber Organization or to any person or entity that qualifies to be a Subscriber under the act.
- The legislation is modeled on legislation that has been enacted or proposed in 15 different states and territories including, most recently, the District of Columbia (B20-0057, "Community Renewable Energy Amendment Act of 2013").
- The legislation is independent and does NOT amend or alter Maryland's current Interconnection, Net Metering and Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard rules.
- This legislation establishes a "Community Renewable Energy Offset Credit". This credit is measured in a dollars per kilowatt-hour rate that is approximately equal to the per kilowatt-hour retail rate an electricity customer would normally be charged by an electricity utility in the state of Maryland. This dollar value is then applied as a credit to the Member's own electric bill during each applicable billing period.
- The monetary value of the electricity generated by a CREGS, or credit, will be assigned to the electricity bills of the members of the facility through a billing arrangement in which a Member's share of the electricity generated by the CREGS is given a dollar value.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Talya Tavor with Environment Maryland at talya@environmentmaryland.org, go to our website: <http://tinyurl.com/MDCRE2014> or join [MD-Sun](#), md-sun@googlegroups.com, to find out up-to-date developments on renewable energy and this bill.

SENATE BILL 707

C2, M3
SB 576/13 – EHE & FIN

4lr2410
CF HB 718

By: **Senators Raskin, Frosh, Pinsky, and Ramirez**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2014**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county to impose, by law, a certain fee on a store for
4 the use of disposable carryout bags; requiring a store to charge and collect a
5 certain fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer
6 under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements;
7 providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a certain amount of
8 money retained by a store under certain circumstances; requiring the operator
9 of a store to remit a certain amount of money to a county; requiring a county to
10 use money from certain fees for certain purposes; providing for a delayed
11 effective date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to carryout bags
12 and community cleanup and greening efforts.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Business Regulation

15 Section 19–104

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Business Regulation**

21 **19–104.**

22 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
23 MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) “CUSTOMER BAG CREDIT PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM
2 IMPLEMENTED IN A STORE THAT:

3 (I) REQUIRES THE STORE TO PAY A CUSTOMER A CREDIT
4 OF AT LEAST 5 CENTS FOR EACH BAG PROVIDED BY THE CUSTOMER FOR
5 PACKAGING THE CUSTOMER’S PURCHASES;

6 (II) . REQUIRES THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT PAID TO
7 A CUSTOMER UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE
8 CUSTOMER TRANSACTION RECEIPT; AND

9 (III) IS PROMINENTLY ADVERTISED AT EACH CHECKOUT
10 REGISTER IN THE STORE.

11 (3) (I) “DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT BAG” MEANS A PAPER OR
12 PLASTIC BAG PROVIDED BY A STORE TO A CUSTOMER AT THE POINT OF SALE.

13 (II) “DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT BAG” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

14 1. A DURABLE PLASTIC BAG WITH HANDLES THAT IS
15 DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED FOR MULTIPLE REUSE;

16 2. A BAG USED TO:

17 A. PACKAGE BULK ITEMS, INCLUDING FRUIT,
18 VEGETABLES, NUTS, GRAINS, CANDY, OR SMALL HARDWARE ITEMS;

19 B. CONTAIN OR WRAP FROZEN FOODS, MEAT, OR
20 FISH, WHETHER PREPACKAGED OR NOT;

21 C. CONTAIN OR WRAP FLOWERS, POTTED PLANTS,
22 OR OTHER DAMP ITEMS;

23 D. CONTAIN UNWRAPPED PREPARED FOODS OR
24 BAKERY GOODS; AND

25 E. CONTAIN A NEWSPAPER OR DRY CLEANING;

26 3. A BAG PROVIDED BY A PHARMACIST TO CONTAIN
27 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

1 4. PLASTIC BAGS SOLD IN PACKAGES CONTAINING
2 MULTIPLE PLASTIC BAGS INTENDED FOR USE AS GARBAGE BAGS, PET WASTE
3 BAGS, OR YARD WASTE BAGS; AND

4 5. A PAPER BAG THAT A RESTAURANT PROVIDES TO
5 A CUSTOMER TO TAKE FOOD OR DRINK AWAY FROM THE RESTAURANT.

6 (4) "OPERATOR" MEANS A PERSON IN CONTROL OF OR HAVING
7 DAILY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAILY OPERATION OF A STORE, WHICH MAY
8 INCLUDE THE OWNER OF THE STORE.

9 (5) (I) "STORE" MEANS A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT
10 PROVIDES DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT BAGS TO ITS CUSTOMERS AS A RESULT OF
11 THE SALE OF A PRODUCT.

12 (II) "STORE" DOES NOT INCLUDE A ROADSIDE STAND OR
13 FARMERS MARKET.

14 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY MAY
15 IMPOSE, BY LAW, A FEE ON A STORE FOR THE USE OF DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT
16 BAGS AS A PART OF A RETAIL SALE OF PRODUCTS.

17 (C) (1) IF A COUNTY IMPOSES A FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
18 SECTION, A STORE IN THE COUNTY:

19 (I) SHALL CHARGE AND COLLECT A FEE OF 5 CENTS FOR
20 EACH DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT BAG THE STORE PROVIDES TO A CUSTOMER;

21 (II) MAY RETAIN:

22 1. 1 CENT FROM EACH 5-CENT FEE THE STORE
23 COLLECTS; OR

24 2. 2 CENTS FROM EACH 5-CENT FEE THE STORE
25 COLLECTS IF THE STORE HAS A CUSTOMER BAG CREDIT PROGRAM;

26 (III) MAY NOT ADVERTISE, HOLD OUT, OR STATE TO THE
27 PUBLIC OR TO A CUSTOMER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THAT THE
28 REIMBURSEMENT OF THE FEE OR ANY PART OF THE FEE COLLECTED BY THE
29 STORE WILL BE ASSUMED OR ABSORBED BY THE STORE OR REFUNDED TO THE
30 CUSTOMER; AND

(IV) SHALL INDICATE ON THE CONSUMER TRANSACTION RECEIPT THE NUMBER OF CARRYOUT BAGS PROVIDED BY THE STORE AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE FEE CHARGED.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SALES AND USE TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RETAINED BY A STORE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE OPERATOR OF A STORE SHALL REMIT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE FEE THAT IS NOT RETAINED BY THE STORE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE COUNTY.

(D) THE COUNTY MAY USE THE MONEY COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION ONLY FOR:

(1) COMMUNITY GREENING;

(2) STORMWATER CONTROL;

(3) TRASH OR LITTER CLEANUP;

(4) TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD AND WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROJECTS;

(5) RECYCLING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS;

(6) ANY OTHER PROJECT RELATED TO WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OR SOLID WASTE SOURCE REDUCTION; AND

(7) THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND REGULATED BUSINESSES ABOUT THIS SECTION AND ITS PURPOSE.

(E) A COUNTY THAT IMPOSES A FEE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ASSIST SENIORS, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BY PROVIDING:

(1) FREE REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAGS; OR

(2) AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

SENATE BILL 765

R2

4lr2791
CF 4lr2235

By: **Senator Colburn**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Motor Fuel Tax and Highway User Revenue – Increased**
3 **Local Share**

4 FOR the purpose of allocating certain motor fuel tax revenue to a certain account that
5 is shared with local governments; increasing the portion of highway user
6 revenue that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the
7 local share of highway user revenue among Baltimore City, counties, and
8 municipalities; repealing obsolete language; and generally relating to increasing
9 the portion of motor fuel tax and highway user revenue that is distributed to
10 local governments.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Tax – General
13 Section 2–1103
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 8–402 and 8–403
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Tax – General**

24 2–1103.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



After making the distributions required under §§ 2-1101 and 2-1102 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute:

(1) the remaining motor fuel tax revenue from aviation fuel to the Transportation Trust Fund; AND

(2) all remaining motor fuel tax revenue, equal to the average percentage by which the motor fuel tax rate exceeds 18.5 cents per gallon, [not] including revenue attributable to an increase in the motor fuel tax rates under § 9-305(b) of this article [or] AND revenue attributable to the sales and use tax equivalent rate imposed under § 9-306 of this article, to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund[;

(3) revenue attributable to an increase in the motor fuel tax rates imposed under § 9-305(b) of this article to the Transportation Trust Fund; and

(4) revenue attributable to the sales and use tax equivalent rate imposed under § 9-306 of this article to the Transportation Trust Fund].

Article – Transportation

8-402.

(a) There is a Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account in the Transportation Trust Fund.

(b) All revenues collected from the following, after deductions provided by law, shall be credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account:

(1) All of the motor vehicle fuel tax;

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, two-thirds of the vehicle titling tax;

(3) Except for revenues collected under Parts III and IV of Title 13, Subtitle 9 of this article, vehicle registration fees;

(4) The revenue disbursed to this Account under § 2-614 of the Tax – General Article; and

(5) 80 percent of the funds distributed on short-term vehicle rentals under § 2-1302.1 of the Tax – General Article to the Transportation Trust Fund from the sales and use tax.

(c) [(1)] [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for] FOR each fiscal year:

1 [(i)] (1) [90.4%] 70% of the revenue credited to the Account
2 may be used as provided in § 3–216 of this article; and

3 [(ii)] (2) The balance of the Account shall be used to pay the
4 allocations of highway user revenues provided by this subtitle to the counties,
5 municipalities, and Baltimore City.

6 [(2) For fiscal years 2010 through 2013, the Account shall be
7 distributed as follows:

8 (i) A portion to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years
9 2010 through 2012 as follows:

- 10 1. 19.5% for fiscal year 2010;
- 11 2. 23% for fiscal year 2011; and
- 12 3. 11.3% for fiscal year 2012;

13 (ii) A portion to be used as provided in § 3–216 of this article, as
14 follows:

- 15 1. 70% for fiscal year 2010;
- 16 2. 68.5% for fiscal year 2011;
- 17 3. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, 79.8% for
18 fiscal year 2012; and
- 19 4. 90% for fiscal year 2013; and

20 (iii) The balance to be used to pay the allocations of highway
21 user revenues provided under this subtitle to the counties, municipalities, and
22 Baltimore City.

23 (3) For fiscal year 2012, from the amount allocated to the
24 Transportation Trust Fund under paragraph (2)(ii)3 of this subsection, \$40,000,000
25 shall be transferred from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Revenue Stabilization
26 Account established under § 7–311 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.]

27 8–403.

28 [(a)] Subject to §§ 3–307 and 3–308 of this article, [and except as provided in
29 subsection (b) of this section,] for each fiscal year, from the total highway user
30 revenues:

1 (1) An amount equal to ~~[7.7%]~~ **12.1%** of total highway user revenues
2 shall be distributed to Baltimore City in monthly installments;

3 (2) An amount shall be distributed to the counties at the times
4 specified in § 8–407 of this subtitle, to be allocated as provided in § 8–404 of this
5 subtitle, equal to ~~[1.5%]~~ **15.3%** of total highway user revenues; and

6 (3) An amount shall be distributed to the municipalities at the times
7 specified in § 8–407 of this subtitle, to be allocated as provided in § 8–405 of this
8 subtitle, equal to ~~[0.4%]~~ **2.6%** of total highway user revenues.

9 **[(b) (1) For fiscal year 2010:**

10 (i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this
11 subtitle shall equal 8.6% of total highway user revenues;

12 (ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle
13 shall equal 1.5% of total highway user revenues; and

14 (iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this
15 subtitle shall equal 0.4% of total highway user revenues.

16 (2) For fiscal year 2011:

17 (i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this
18 subtitle shall equal 7.9% of total highway user revenues;

19 (ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle
20 shall equal 0.5% of total highway user revenues; and

21 (iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this
22 subtitle shall equal 0.1% of total highway user revenues.

23 (3) For fiscal year 2012:

24 (i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this
25 subtitle shall equal 7.5% of total highway user revenues;

26 (ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle
27 shall equal 0.8% of total highway user revenues; and

28 (iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this
29 subtitle shall equal 0.6% of total highway user revenues.

30 (4) For fiscal year 2013:

1 (i) The amount distributed to Baltimore City under this
2 subtitle shall equal 8.1% of total highway user revenues;

3 (ii) The amount distributed to the counties under this subtitle
4 shall equal 1.5% of total highway user revenues; and

5 (iii) The amount distributed to the municipalities under this
6 subtitle shall equal 0.4% of total highway user revenues.]

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2014.

SENATE BILL 786

C5

4lr1578
CF 4lr1579

By: **Senators Ramirez, Raskin, Benson, Ferguson, Jones–Rodwell, Madaleno, Middleton, Montgomery, Pinsky, Rosapepe, and Young**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014
Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electricity – Community Renewable Energy Generating System – Pilot**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a pilot program on community renewable energy
5 generating systems under the authority of the Public Service Commission;
6 stating when the pilot program will begin and terminate; providing for the
7 structure and operation of the pilot program, including the generation of
8 electricity and allocation of audits and costs to subscribers to a community
9 renewable energy generating system; authorizing an electric company to submit
10 a petition to own and operate a community renewable energy generating system
11 to the Commission; requiring the Commission to approve a petition if the
12 Commission makes a certain determination; requiring the Commission to
13 approve or deny a petition within a certain period of time; specifying when an
14 electric company may recover the costs associated with developing and owning a
15 community renewable energy generating system through base rates;
16 authorizing an electric company to sell certain services and attributes
17 associated with the community renewable energy generating system; stating
18 the effectiveness of contracts entered into during the pilot program; authorizing
19 a subscriber organization to continue operation of and an electric company to
20 continue to facilitate the operation of a community renewable energy generating
21 system after termination of the pilot program; requiring the Maryland Energy
22 Administration, in consultation with the Commission, to make a certain report
23 to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission
24 to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; requiring the Commission to
25 notify the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services when
26 the pilot program begins; defining certain terms; stating certain findings of the
27 General Assembly; and generally relating to a pilot program for community
28 renewable energy generating systems.

29 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–306.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utilities

7–306.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “BASELINE ANNUAL USAGE” MEANS:

(I) A SUBSCRIBER’S ACCUMULATED ELECTRICITY USE IN
KILOWATT-HOURS FOR THE 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE SUBSCRIBER’S MOST
RECENT SUBSCRIPTION; OR

(II) FOR A SUBSCRIBER WHO DOES NOT HAVE A RECORD OF
12 MONTHS OF ELECTRICITY USE AT THE TIME OF THE SUBSCRIBER’S MOST
RECENT SUBSCRIPTION, AN ESTIMATE OF THE SUBSCRIBER’S ACCUMULATED 12
MONTHS OF ELECTRICITY USE IN KILOWATT-HOURS, DETERMINED IN A
MANNER APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

(3) “COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY OFFSET RATE”
MEANS A RATE MEASURED IN DOLLARS PER KILOWATT-HOUR THAT
CORRESPONDS TO THE RATE A SUBSCRIBER WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY
AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER DURING THE CURRENT
BILLING CYCLE FOR:

(I) ENERGY;

(II) CAPACITY;

(III) TRANSMISSION; AND

(IV) 75% OF THE RATE A SUBSCRIBER WOULD HAVE BEEN
CHARGED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE VARIABLE DISTRIBUTION
CHARGE.

1 (4) “COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM”
2 MEANS A RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM THAT:

3 (I) GENERATES ELECTRICITY FROM:

- 4 1. BIOMASS;
- 5 2. GAS PRODUCED FROM THE ANAEROBIC
6 DECOMPOSITION OF ANIMAL WASTE, INCLUDING POULTRY WASTE;
- 7 3. GAS PRODUCED FROM THE GASIFICATION OF
8 ORGANIC MATTER;
- 9 4. SOLAR;
- 10 5. WIND; OR
- 11 6. MOVING WATER;

12 (II) IS LOCATED IN THE SAME ELECTRIC SERVICE
13 TERRITORY AS ITS SUBSCRIBERS;

14 (III) IS ATTACHED TO THE ELECTRIC METER OF A
15 SUBSCRIBER OR IS A SEPARATE FACILITY WITH ITS OWN ELECTRIC METER;

16 (IV) CREDITS ITS GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO THE BILLS
17 OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THAT SYSTEM;

18 (V) HAS AT LEAST TWO SUBSCRIBERS;

19 (VI) HAS A GENERATING CAPACITY THAT DOES NOT EXCEED
20 2 MEGAWATTS AS MEASURED BY THE ALTERNATING CURRENT RATING OF THE
21 SYSTEM’S INVERTER; AND

22 (VII) MAY BE OWNED BY ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A
23 SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY, OR AN ELECTRICITY
24 SUPPLIER.

25 (5) “SUBSCRIBER” MEANS A RETAIL CUSTOMER OF AN ELECTRIC
26 COMPANY WHO:

27 (I) HOLDS A SUBSCRIPTION TO A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE
28 ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM; AND

1 (II) HAS IDENTIFIED ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUAL METERS OR
2 ACCOUNTS TO WHICH THE SUBSCRIPTION SHALL BE ATTRIBUTED.

3 (6) “SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION” MEANS:

4 (I) A PERSON THAT OWNS OR OPERATES A COMMUNITY
5 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM; OR

6 (II) THE COLLECTIVE GROUP OF SUBSCRIBERS OF A
7 COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM.

8 (7) “SUBSCRIPTION” MEANS THE PORTION OF THE ELECTRICITY
9 GENERATED BY A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM THAT
10 IS CREDITED TO A SUBSCRIBER.

11 (8) “UNSUBSCRIBED ENERGY” MEANS ANY COMMUNITY
12 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM OUTPUT IN KILOWATT-HOURS THAT
13 IS NOT ALLOCATED TO ANY SUBSCRIBER.

14 (B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

15 (1) COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS:

16 (I) PROVIDE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, INCLUDING
17 THOSE THAT LEASE PROPERTY, INCREASED ACCESS TO LOCAL RENEWABLE
18 ELECTRICITY WHILE ENCOURAGING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE
19 RESOURCES;

20 (II) STIMULATE IN-STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
21 ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION;

22 (III) ENHANCE CONTINUED DIVERSIFICATION OF THE
23 STATE’S ENERGY RESOURCE MIX TO ACHIEVE THE STATE’S RENEWABLE
24 ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
25 REDUCTION ACT GOALS; AND

26 (IV) PROVIDE ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND RATEPAYERS THE
27 OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE THE MANY BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH
28 DISTRIBUTED ENERGY; AND

1 (2) IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE STATE ENABLE THE
2 DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF ENERGY GENERATION FROM COMMUNITY
3 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO:

4 (I) ALLOW RENTERS AND LOW-INCOME AND
5 MODERATE-INCOME RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS TO OWN AN INTEREST IN A
6 COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM;

7 (II) FACILITATE MARKET ENTRY FOR ALL POTENTIAL
8 SUBSCRIBERS WHILE GIVING PRIORITY TO SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE THE MOST
9 SENSITIVE TO MARKET BARRIERS; AND

10 (III) ENCOURAGE DEVELOPERS TO PROMOTE
11 PARTICIPATION BY RENTERS AND LOW-INCOME AND MODERATE-INCOME
12 RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS.

13 (C) A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM,
14 INCLUDING A SUBSCRIBER OR SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH
15 THE COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM, IS NOT:

16 (1) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY;

17 (2) AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER; OR

18 (3) A GENERATING STATION.

19 (D) (1) THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM ON COMMUNITY RENEWABLE
20 ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION.

21 (2) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BEGIN ON THE EARLIER OF:

22 (I) SUBMISSION OF THE FIRST PETITION OF A SUBSCRIBER
23 ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(15) OF THIS SECTION; OR

24 (II) 6 MONTHS AFTER THE COMMISSION ADOPTS
25 REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (3) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL TERMINATE 3 YEARS AFTER THE
27 COMMENCEMENT DATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

28 (E) (1) THE STRUCTURE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE AS
29 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

1 (2) THE CUMULATIVE INSTALLED NAMEPLATE CAPACITY UNDER
2 THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO:

3 (I) 15 MEGAWATTS DURING THE FIRST YEAR;

4 (II) 30 MEGAWATTS DURING THE SECOND YEAR; AND

5 (III) 50 MEGAWATTS DURING THE THIRD YEAR.

6 (3) ALL RATE CLASSES MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT
7 PROGRAM.

8 (4) SUBSCRIBERS SERVED BY ELECTRIC STANDARD OFFER
9 SERVICE AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS MAY HOLD SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE
10 SAME COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM.

11 (5) A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION SHALL:

12 (I) DETERMINE HOW TO ALLOCATE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO
13 SUBSCRIBERS; AND

14 (II) NOTIFY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY AND, IF APPLICABLE, A
15 RELEVANT ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER ABOUT THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
16 COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (6) A SUBSCRIBER'S SHARE OF THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY
18 A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM SHALL BE
19 DETERMINED BY MULTIPLYING THE COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY
20 OFFSET RATE BY THE KILOWATT-HOURS GENERATED FROM THE COMMUNITY
21 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM DURING THE CURRENT BILLING
22 CYCLE AND ATTRIBUTED TO THE SUBSCRIBER'S SUBSCRIPTION.

23 (7) A SUBSCRIBER'S MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL SHALL BE OFFSET
24 UP TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING, THE CUSTOMER CHARGE BY SUBTRACTING THE
25 DOLLAR VALUE OF THE SUBSCRIBER'S SHARE OF THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED
26 BY A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM FROM THE
27 SUBSCRIBER'S MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL.

28 (8) NET EXCESS GENERATION CREDITS SHALL BE CARRIED
29 FORWARD ON THE SUBSCRIBER'S BILL FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 12
30 MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL PAY THE SUBSCRIBER

1 FOR THE DOLLAR VALUE OF ANY ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION
2 REMAINING.

3 (9) THE DOLLAR VALUE OF ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION
4 SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF KILOWATT-HOURS OF NET EXCESS
5 GENERATION ATTRIBUTED TO THE SUBSCRIBER MULTIPLIED BY THE RATE THE
6 SUBSCRIBER WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY OR
7 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, CAPACITY, AND
8 TRANSMISSION EXPENSES AVERAGED OVER THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD.

9 (10) IF A SUBSCRIBER IS SERVED BY AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER
10 AND THE RATE THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY THE
11 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, CAPACITY, AND
12 TRANSMISSION EXPENSES IS NOT KNOWN FOR ALL OR PART OF THE PREVIOUS
13 12-MONTH PERIOD, THE DOLLAR VALUE OF ACCRUED NET EXCESS GENERATION
14 SHALL BE CALCULATED BY USING THE RATE THAT THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD
15 HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY,
16 CAPACITY, AND TRANSMISSION EXPENSES, AVERAGED OVER THE PREVIOUS
17 12-MONTH PERIOD, FOR STANDARD OFFER SERVICE.

18 (11) A SUBSCRIBER MAY NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR NET EXCESS
19 GENERATION THAT EXCEEDS 120% OF THE SUBSCRIBER'S BASELINE ANNUAL
20 USAGE.

21 (12) A SUBSCRIBER WITH A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY
22 GENERATING SYSTEM ATTACHED TO THE SUBSCRIBER'S ELECTRIC METER
23 SHALL RECEIVE NET ENERGY METERING FOR THE SUBSCRIBER'S SUBSCRIPTION
24 AT THE RATE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE UP TO 120% OF
25 THE SUBSCRIBER'S BASELINE ANNUAL USAGE.

26 (13) ANY UNSUBSCRIBED ENERGY GENERATED BY A COMMUNITY
27 ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM THAT IS NOT OWNED BY AN ELECTRIC COMPANY
28 SHALL BE PURCHASED UNDER THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PROCESS FOR
29 PURCHASING THE OUTPUT FROM QUALIFYING FACILITIES AT THE COMMODITY
30 ENERGY SUPPLY RATE.

31 (14) ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCONNECTION ARE THE
32 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION.

33 (15) A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION MAY PETITION AN ELECTRIC
34 COMPANY TO COORDINATE THE INTERCONNECTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF
35 OPERATIONS OF A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM

1 AFTER THE COMMISSION ADOPTS REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER
2 SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (16) A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD
4 PARTY FOR THE THIRD PARTY TO FINANCE, BUILD, OWN, OR OPERATE A
5 COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM.

6 (17) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AN ELECTRIC
7 COMPANY MAY ASSESS A FAIR AND REASONABLE FEE TO BE PAID BY A
8 SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PILOT
9 PROGRAM.

10 (18) A MUNICIPAL UTILITY OR COOPERATIVE UTILITY MAY
11 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

12 (F) (1) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS
13 TITLE, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY SUBMIT A PETITION TO OWN AND OPERATE
14 A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM TO THE
15 COMMISSION.

16 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPROVE A PETITION
17 SUBMITTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE
18 COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY
19 GENERATING SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE BENEFITS TO RATEPAYERS THROUGH:

- 20 1. AVOIDED TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINE
21 LOSSES;
- 22 2. TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE
23 DEFERRALS;
- 24 3. AVOIDED INTERCONNECTION COSTS;
- 25 4. ANCILLARY SERVICES AND VOLT-AMPERE
26 REACTIVE (VAR) SUPPORT;
- 27 5. REDUCED LAND COSTS;
- 28 6. DEMAND CHARGE MANAGEMENT;
- 29 7. ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY; OR

1 8. ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL FACTORS THE
2 COMMISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

3 (III) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPROVE OR DENY A
4 PETITION WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES THE
5 PETITION.

6 (2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
7 PARAGRAPH, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY NOT RECOVER THROUGH BASE RATES
8 THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPING AND OWNING A COMMUNITY
9 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM.

10 (II) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY RECOVER THROUGH BASE
11 RATES THE COSTS THAT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY WOULD HAVE INCURRED IF
12 THE COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM WERE DEVELOPED
13 AND OWNED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

14 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE,
15 AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY SELL:

16 (I) UNSUBSCRIBED ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND ANCILLARY
17 SERVICES PRODUCED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S COMMUNITY RENEWABLE
18 ENERGY SYSTEM TO THE MARKETS OPERATED BY PJM INTERCONNECTION;
19 AND

20 (II) ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
21 ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S COMMUNITY
22 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM TO ANY PERSON.

23 (G) (1) A CONTRACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY RENEWABLE
24 ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM OR SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION THAT IS
25 ENTERED INTO DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
26 ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING AFTER THE
27 TERMINATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

28 (2) AFTER TERMINATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPERATIONAL AND BILLING REQUIREMENTS IN
30 SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION:

31 (I) A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION MAY CONTINUE THE
32 OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM THAT
33 BEGAN OPERATION DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE CREATION
34 AND TRADE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS; AND

1 (II) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL CONTINUE TO
2 FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY
3 GENERATING SYSTEM THAT BEGAN OPERATION DURING THE PILOT PROGRAM.

4 (H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2016, THE MARYLAND ENERGY
5 ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION, SHALL REPORT
6 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
7 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

8 (1) A TARIFF STRUCTURE FOR CUSTOMER-SITED, AGGREGATE,
9 AND COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY METERING THAT ALLOWS AN ELECTRIC
10 COMPANY TO RECOVER REASONABLE DISTRIBUTION COSTS AND
11 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES WHILE ENCOURAGING IN-STATE DISTRIBUTED
12 GENERATION BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ELECTRIC COMPANY, RATEPAYER, AND
13 PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

14 (I) AVOIDED TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINE
15 LOSSES;

16 (II) TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE
17 DEFERRALS;

18 (III) AVOIDED INTERCONNECTION COSTS;

19 (IV) ANCILLARY SERVICES AND VOLT-AMPERE REACTIVE
20 (VAR) SUPPORT;

21 (V) REDUCED LAND COSTS;

22 (VI) DEMAND CHARGE MANAGEMENT;

23 (VII) ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY;

24 (VIII) REDUCED AIR EMISSIONS FROM GENERATION,
25 INCLUDING CARBON DIOXIDE AND CRITERIA POLLUTANTS; AND

26 (IX) ANY ADDITIONAL FACTORS THE MARYLAND ENERGY
27 ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE;

28 (2) AN APPROPRIATE CREDIT MECHANISM AND OPERATIONAL
29 STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING

1 SYSTEM TO MINIMIZE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO AN ELECTRIC COMPANY,
2 ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER, OR SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION;

3 (3) A PROCESS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO ADJUST THE
4 STANDARD OFFER SERVICE PROCUREMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY
5 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM OUTPUT;

6 (4) WHETHER A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING
7 SYSTEM AND ITS SUBSCRIBERS SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR AVOIDED
8 TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS;

9 (5) THE IMPACT OF THE PILOT PROGRAM ON RESIDENTIAL
10 RATEPAYERS;

11 (6) THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITY
12 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM BUSINESS MODELS;

13 (7) THE PILOT PROGRAM'S SUCCESS IN ATTRACTING
14 LOW-INCOME AND MODERATE-INCOME RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS;

15 (8) THE IMPLICATIONS OF MAKING THE PILOT PROGRAM
16 PERMANENT; AND

17 (9) ANY ADDITIONAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS THE MARYLAND
18 ENERGY ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

19 (I) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT
20 REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS FOR:

21 (1) CONSUMER PROTECTION;

22 (2) A PROTOCOL FOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES, ELECTRICITY
23 SUPPLIERS, AND SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMUNICATE THE
24 INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CALCULATE AND PROVIDE THE MONTHLY
25 ELECTRIC BILL CREDITS AND YEARLY NET EXCESS GENERATION PAYMENTS
26 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION; AND

27 (3) A PROTOCOL FOR A SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION TO
28 COORDINATE WITH AN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE INTERCONNECTION AND
29 COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS OF A COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY
30 GENERATING SYSTEM.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public Service
2 Commission shall notify the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative
3 Services when the pilot program begins in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2014.

Annual													
Advisory Group Chairs	6/00	6/01	7/02	7/03	8/04	9/06	2/08	3/09	3/10	3/11	7/12	10/13	
Comcast/Verizon	9/13												
Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station Mgmt.	6/98	8/00	9/01	11/02	12/04	5/05	02/09	03/10	10/10	3/11	9/11	11/12	
Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition	4/01	4/02	4/03	6/04	3/05	3/06	3/07	4/08	3/09	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	3/01	2/02	3/03	6/04	6/05	6/06	6/07	6/08	6/09	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13
Utilities (*If Necessary) PEPCO	9/11												
WSSC	12/12												
WGL													
Roosevelt Center Merchants	6/98	11/01	11/02	5/04	7/06	10/07	6/09	8/10	8/11	8/12	10/13		
Biennial													
Apartment													
Beltsville Ag. Research Center/	9/98	2/01	7/03	7/05	9/07	9/09	10/11						
NPS Greenbelt Park	8/98	11/00	3/05	6/07	6/09	7/11	8/13						
Commercial Areas: Beltway Plaza	3/98	8/01	12/03	9/06	8/09	1/12							
Greenway Center	3/00	12/01	12/02	3/05	5/07	7/08	9/10	2/13					
Business Parks: Capital Office Park	5/00	7/02	7/05	8/07	9/10	12/12							
Maryland Trade Center, Golden													
Triangle, Hanover Parkway, Belle													
Point, Edmonston Road, Other													
Civic Associations	3/01	3/03	6/05	8/07	12/09	01/12							
Clergy/Religious Organizations	1/00	3/02	7/04	8/06	10/08	1/11	3/13						
County Executive	10/01	2/03	10/08	8/11	12/13								
Greenbelt Watershed Groups	8/08	8/10	8/12										
Hotels													
NASA/GSFC	8/99	9/00	11/04	10/05	3/06	7/08	12/10	2/13					
PG Co. Economic Development Corp.	12/00	10/02	2/05	5/07	6/09	10/11							
School Board	6/98	9/00	1/03	1/05	1/12								
State Highway Administration	1/98	11/01	12/03	2/06	3/08	9/10	5/12	8/13					
University of Maryland	3/13												
Other/As Needed													
Business Coffee (Semi-Annual)	6/12												
M-NCPPC/Planning Board	3/03	6/06											
Roosevelt Center Owner													
State's Attorney (4 years)	1/98	6/03	2/07	2/11									
WMATA/PGDPW&T (Semi-Annual)	4/11	7/11	10/11	1/12	4/12	11/12	7/13						

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24	Monday	8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting – Council Room
25	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Regular Advisory Committee on Education Meeting – Municipal Building
		7:30 pm	Green ACES and Green Team – Community Center
26	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Greenbriar Community Association Board – Greenbriar Community Center
		7:00 pm	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Community Center
		7:00 pm	Advisory Planning Board – Community Center
		6:00 pm	Legislative Dinner – Annapolis
27	Thursday	7:00 pm	Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Community Center
		7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place

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3	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session – Greenbelt Station South Core TIF – CR
4	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Public Safety Advisory Committee – Community Center
		7:00 pm	Greenbriar Phase I Annual Meeting – Greenbriar Community Center
5	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
6	Thursday	7:30 pm	Work Session – GEAC – Greenbriar Community Center
8-12	Sat - Wed		NLC Congressional Cities Conference – DC
10	Monday	8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting – Council Room
11	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Greenbriar Phase II Annual Meeting – Greenbriar Community Center
12	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – BARC – Community Center
13	Thursday	7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place
17	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session – Civic Associations – Council Room (tentative)
18	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Greenbriar Phase III Annual Meeting – Greenbriar Community Center
19	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – Transit Meeting – Community Center
20	Thursday	7:00 pm	PGCMA – Greenbelt
24	Monday	7:30 pm	ACE Educator Awards Reception – Council Room
		8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting and ACE Educator Awards – Council Room
25	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Regular Advisory Committee on Education Meeting – Municipal Building
		7:00 pm	GCA Annual Meeting – Greenbriar Community Center
		7:30 pm	Green ACES – Community Center
26	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Community Center
		8:00 pm	Budget Work Session – Revenues, Overview & General Government - CC
27	Thursday	7:00 pm	Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Community Center
		7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place
29	Saturday	8:30pm-9:30pm	Earth Hour – City-Wide Lights Out
31	Monday	8:00 pm	Budget Work Session – TBD – Council Room

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1	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Public Safety Advisory Committee – Community Center
2	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
3	Thursday	7:30 pm	Greenbelt East Advisory Committee Meeting – TBD
3-4	Thurs-Friday		ICMA Northeast Regional Conference – Princeton, NJ
7	Monday	8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting - Council Room
8	Tuesday	5:45 pm	Greenbriar Phase III – Greenbriar Community Center
		7:30 pm	Greenbriar Phase I and II – Greenbriar Community Center
9	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
10	Thursday	7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place
14	Monday		Passover begins at sundown
			No Meeting
16	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
17	Thursday	7:00 pm	PGCMA – College Park
18	Friday	11:00 am	Under Water Egg Hunt - GAFC
19	Saturday	10:00 am	Annual Egg Hunt – Buddy Attick Park
21	Monday		No Meeting (Easter Monday)
22	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Advisory Committee on Education – Municipal Building
		7:30 pm	Green ACES – Community Center
23	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Greenbriar Community Association Board – Greenbriar Community Center
		8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
24	Thursday	7:30 pm	Four Cities – New Carrollton
		7:00 pm	Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Community Center
		7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place
26	Saturday	10 - 2	Public Works Open House – Public Works Facility
		12 - 3	Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration – Springhill Lake Recreation Center
28	Monday	8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting – Council Room
30	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Community Center
		8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center

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1	Thursday	7:30 pm	Greenbelt East Advisory Committee – TBD
5	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Council Room
6	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Public Safety Advisory Committee – Community Center
7	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
8	Thursday	7:30 pm	GHI Board Meeting – Hamilton Place
12	Monday	7:30 pm	ACE Student Awards Reception – Council Room
		8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards – Council Room
13	Tuesday	5:45 pm	Greenbriar Phase III – Greenbriar Community Center
		7:30 pm	Greenbriar Phase I and Phase II – Greenbriar Community Center
14	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
15	Thursday	7:00 pm	PGCMA Meeting – Seat Pleasant
		TBD	GHI Annual Meeting – Community Center
16	Friday		Bike To Work Day (GAFC Pit Stop 6:30am – 8:30am)
17	Saturday	2 - 6	Celebration of Spring – Springhill Lake Recreation Center
19	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Council Room
21	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
22	Thursday	7:00 pm	Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Community Center
26	Monday		City Holiday – Memorial Day
27	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Advisory Committee on Education Regular Meeting – Municipal Building
		7:30 pm	Green ACES – Community Center
		8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting
28	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Greenbriar Community Association Board – Greenbriar Community Center
		7:00 pm	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Community Center
		8:00pm	Work Session – TBD – Community Center
31	Saturday		Greenbelt Day Weekend

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1	Sunday	11:00 am	Greenbelt Day Weekend continues Greenbelt Museum Roosevelt Bike Ride – CC Front Lawn Peace Month Begins
2	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Council Room
3	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Public Safety Advisory Committee – Community Center
4	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Regular Council Meeting – Council Room
5	Thursday	7:30 pm	Greenbelt East Advisory Committee - TBD
7	Saturday	TBD	“Not For Seniors Only” (sponsored by Senior Citizens Advisory Committee) -TBD
8-11	Sun - Wed		MML Annual Convention – Ocean City
9	Monday		No Meeting
10	Tuesday	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Greenbriar Phase III – Greenbriar Community Center Greenbriar Phase I and II – Greenbriar Community Center
11	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Community Center
16	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Council Room
18	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Community Center
23	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Council Room
24	Tuesday	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Advisory Committee on Education Regular Monthly Meeting - MB Greenbelt ACES - CC
25	Wednesday	6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Greenbriar Community Association Board – Greenbriar Community Center Work Session –TBD- Community Center
26	Thursday	7:00 pm	Forest Preserve Advisory Board – Community Center
30	Monday	8:00 pm	Work Session –TBD- Council Room

Regular Items for Master Calendar

Rev. Regular Items For Master Calendar 2.11.14

Board/Committee Meetings

◆ Advisory Committee on Education (No meeting July & Nov 2013 & July 2014)	4 th Tuesday	Municipal Building	7:00 pm
◆ Advisory Committee on Trees	Meet as needed	Public Works Bld.	7:00 pm
◆ Advisory Planning Board	2 nd and/or 4 th Wednesdays as needed	Community Ctr.	7:00 pm
◆ Arts Advisory Board	1 st Tuesday as needed	Community Ctr.	7:00 pm
◆ Forest Preserve Advisory Board	4 th Thursday	Community Ctr.	7:00 pm
◆ Park & Recreation Advisory Board (No Meeting June/July/Aug)	3 rd Wednesday as needed	Community Ctr.	7:30 pm
◆ Public Safety Advisory Committee	1 st Tuesday	Community Ctr.	7:00 pm
◆ Green ACES (No meeting Dec)	4 th Tuesday	Community Ctr.	7:30 pm
◆ Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (No meeting June/July/December)	Last Wed	Community Ctr.	7:00 pm
◆ Youth Advisory Committee	2 nd Monday	Youth Center	7:30 pm

Council Work Sessions - 8:00 pm (Mondays, Council Room; Wednesdays, Community Center)

Regular Council Meetings - 8:00 pm (Council Room)

◆ 2 nd & 4 th Mondays	January	2 nd Monday	July
	February		August
	March		December
	April		
	May		
	September		
	October		
	November		
◆	June – dates depend upon date of MML		

Greenbelt East Advisory Committee Meetings-(Greenbriar, Windsor Green, Hunting Ridge and Lakes of Greenbelt Village)

- ◆ 1st Thursday @ 7:30 pm Usual Schedule: Mar- Stakeholder/City Council Oct- Council Candidates (election year)
Nov- Meet Local/State Legislators Dec- Holiday Party (TBD)
- 2014: Jan -2 Feb -6 Mar -- 6 (Stakeholders Meeting with City Council) Apr -3 May -1 June -5 July -3
Aug -7 Sept -4 Oct-2 Nov -6 (Meet with Local/State Legislators) Dec -TBD (Sunday Holiday Party TBD)

Greenbriar Condominium Meetings

- ◆ Greenbriar Phase III (No August meeting) 2nd Tuesday Greenbriar Comm. Ctr. 5:45 pm
- ◆ Greenbriar Phase I and II (No August meeting) 2nd Tuesday Greenbriar Comm. Ctr. 7:30 pm
- ◆ Greenbriar Comm. Assoc. Board (No August mtg.) 4th Wednesday Greenbriar Comm. Ctr. 6:00 pm
- Annual Meetings 2014: (No March Reg Mtgs) Phase I – March 4 Phase II – March 11 Phase III – March 18 GCA – March 25

Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors Meetings

- ◆ 7:30 pm @ Hamilton Place – 2014: Jan – May 15 (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

PGCMA Meetings

- ◆ 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm (No meetings June/July/Aug/November)
- 2014: Jan 16-District Heights Feb 20-North Brentwood Mar 20-Greenbelt April 17-College Park May 15- Seat Pleasant

Four Cities

- ◆ Quarterly @ 7:30 pm: Jan/April/July/Oct (5th Thursday of month – alternate: last Wednesday of month) -
- 2014 Meetings: Jan. 30 – College Park Apr. 24 – New Carrollton July 30 or 31 – Berwyn Heights Oct. 29 or 30 – Greenbelt